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ROLL OF HONOUR.

IN MEMORIAM.

HATCH—Mark Pendrey, Captain, A.V.C.—In undying memory of you, my darling, who answered God's call on December 30th, 1922.
"As gently as love's tender hands earth lies
On his dark head, and leaves his spirit free,
To win the greater goal of Paradise."
From your wife, Nancy.

HATCH—In ever-living and loving memory of our dearest Pendrey, Captain, A.V.C., fourth son of the late Mark Hatch and Mrs. Hatch, Mill House, Duleek, County Meath, passed over December 30th, 1922. "Waiting for us in Paradise."

TURNER—In loving memory of Alan Norman, younger dearly-beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tyrie Turner, Carrick-on-Suir, who lost his life on s.s. Aragon, December 30th, 1917.

TURNER—In loving memory of my brother, Alan Norman, drowned on s.s. Aragon, December 30th, 1917.

TURNER—In loving memory of my loving brother, Alan Norman, who fell asleep on the 30th day of December, 1917.
"Father, in Thy gracious keeping,
Leave we now Thy servant sleeping."
Willie.

BIRTHS.

HANBIDGE—December 14, 1926, at Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Hanbidge, a son.

KENNEDY—December 26, 1926, at Castlelyons Rectory, County Cork, to Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Kennedy, twin daughters.

MOYNAN—December 17, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. George Moynan (nee Smyth), Templemore, a daughter (Janetta Letitia).

WARDELL—December 24, 1926, at Willsbrook, Lucan, to Theodosia, wife of John Meredith Wardell, a son.

MARRIAGE.

PRICE and BARLOW—December 15, 1926, at All Saints' Church, Plumpton, James Chermside, fourth son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Ivon H. Price, of Broad Clyst, Devon, and Joyce Agnes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Barlow, Nilgiris, India.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 4.

ARTHUR—December 26, 1926, after much suffering, Samuel Arthur, late Irish Guards, youngest son of the late Richard Arthur and Mrs. Arthur, Cashel, County Tipperary. English papers please copy.

CARSON—December 6, 1926, at Bangalore, India, Kathleen, the loving daughter of Lin and Robin Carson. She passed peacefully away after painful illness. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

CATHCART—December 22, 1926, at Stanton Drew, Somerset, England, Walter, younger son of Walter Cathcart, late of Sydney avenue, Blackrock, County Dublin.

CORNWALL—December 28, 1926, at her residence, 4 Herbert road, Sandymount, Mary, widow of the late William Cornwall. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Funeral private. No flowers.

DOLLAR—December 27, 1926, at Bettyville, Home, Wexford, William George, dearly-loved eldest son of William J. and Jennie Dollar, aged 30 years. "He asked life of Thee, and I gave it him, a long life, even for ever and ever." Funeral private.

DONOVAN—December 28, 1926, at Dieppe, Rose, second daughter of James Tertius Donovan, late of Parsonstown, County Meath.

GALLAGHER—December 28, 1926, at her residence, Millbrook House, Navan, Rosanna, wife of John Gallagher. Deeply mourned by husband and family. Office and High Mass at 11 o'clock this (Thursday) morning. Funeral immediately afterwards to New Cemetery. No flowers, by request.

HUMPHREYS—Christmas Day, 1926, at her residence, Assaroe Hotel, Ballyshannon, Hester Humphreys, in her 88th year.

KERWICK—December 29, 1926, at Nursing Home, Lower Leeson street, Margaret (Puggie), daughter of the late John and Margaret Kerwick, Limerick. Deeply mourned. Funeral after 10 o'clock Mass, St. Mary's, Haddington road, to Mount Jerome.

KILBEE—December 24, 1926, Maria Kilbee (Minnie), second daughter of the late Joseph Kilbee, Cunny Court. Laid to rest, Dunlavin, December 27th.

LANE—December 21, 1926, at Kingwilliamstown, Cape Province, Jonathan Bruce Lane, youngest son of the late James Lane, Clermont, Cork.

LATIMER—December 29, 1926, at 53 Grove Park, Rathmines, County Dublin, Kate Elizabeth Latimer, third daughter of the late George Latimer, Port House, County Leitrim. Funeral private. No flowers, by request.

LOMAS—December 7, 1926, at Bryn Mawr, Pa., Georgina, beloved wife of George Lomas, daughter of the late Robert W. Ireton, Craan House, Gorey, grand-daughter of the late Colonel Colly Thompson, Abbeyleix.

MONKS—December 29, 1926, at his residence, Cooquay, The Ward, Michael Monks. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to St. Margaret's Church at 3 o'clock this evening. Funeral to Ballyboughal, after 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Friday) morning.

MURPHY—December 28, 1926, at the City of Dublin Hospital, Thomas, dearly-beloved husband of Kathleen Murphy, 26 Vavasour square, Sandymount, and second youngest son of the late Peter Murphy, of Halverstown, County Kildare. Deeply and deservedly regretted by his sorrowing wife and family and a large circle of friends. R.I.P. Funeral from Star of the Sea Church, Sandymount, to-morrow (Friday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass, to Kill-o'-the-Grange.

O'REILLY—December 29, 1926, at St. Vincent's Private Nursing Home, Very Rev. John G. O'Reilly, Adm., Pro-Cathedral, Dublin. R.I.P. Remains will be removed to Pro-Cathedral at 7.30 o'clock this evening. Office and Solemn Requiem Mass at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Friday) morning. His Grace the Archbishop will preside. Funeral immediately afterwards to Glasnevin.

PIERCE—October 10, 1926, at "Hillview," Rockhampton, Australia, Mary, widow of the late Richard Pierce, aged 85. Carlow papers please copy.

ROE—December 26, 1926, at her residence, Ivy, Ballyfinn, Jane, widow of the late William Roe, aged 88 years.

SHEIL—December 27, 1926, at Bournemouth, Teresa, dearly-beloved daughter of Helen Sheil and the late Leonard Sheil, aged 30. Funeral (private) this (Thursday) morning, December 30th, after 8.30 Mass at Westland Row.

TRENWITH—December 29, 1926, at 20 Upper Merrion street, Emma Harriet, eldest daughter of the late Simon Trenwith, of Cork. Funeral private.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOWYER—In loving memory of our dear father, who passed away 30th December, 1921.

BUTLER—In sweetest remembrance of a beloved and loving wife and mother, Anna Butler, entered into rest December 30, 1925. "When I awake up after Thy Likeness I shall be satisfied."

DALY—In loving memory of mother, died at Hazelbrook 30th December, 1916. "Gone, but not forgotten."—Agnes Daphne.

DUDGEON—In loving memory of my dear husband, James Dudgeon, who died on the 30th of December, 1917, at his residence, 37a Lower Beechwood avenue. "Peace, perfect peace." Inserted by his wife and children.

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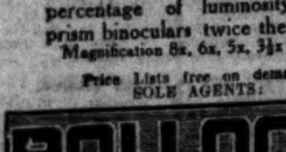

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A HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, family two, Dublin.—W 205, this office. 24 E

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DUBLIN DISTRICT COURT

DEATH OF A WIFE.

FURTHER REMAND ON CAPITAL CHARGE.

(BEFORE MR. LITTLE.)

Thomas Casey, a young man of the labouring class, was brought forward on remand, charged with the murder of his wife, Lily Casey, at 37 Francis street, Dublin, on the 17th inst., and, after several witnesses had been examined, was further remanded until next Tuesday.

Mr. Clarke (State Solicitor's Department), who prosecuted, explained that the accused man and his wife had occupied a top back room at 37 Francis street, which, he understood, was a tenement house. At about half-past 11 o'clock on the night of the 16th inst. they were heard going up the stairs into their room by Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor, who occupied a room underneath it on the first floor. After they had been in their room for some time voices were heard, and it would be given in evidence by James O'Connor and his wife that they heard the accused man's wife calling out: "Oh, Tom, don't break my leg; don't kill me," and that they heard the accused man saying in reply: "What is the matter with you?"

On the following morning the accused man went to Mrs. O'Reilly, who was also a tenant of a room in the house. He knocked at her door and said: "Kate, will you come in? I don't know what ails this one at all."

At 8 o'clock that morning Casey called again at Mrs. O'Reilly's door and said, "When you get up, come in." Mrs. O'Reilly got up, went to Casey's room, and found the woman dead in bed. Mrs. O'Reilly would give evidence that the accused man was not in the room at the time. An inquest was held on the following day. The accused man did not attend the inquest, and, apparently, disappeared until the 23rd inst., when he was arrested by the police in Upper Gloucester street.

A FALL.

Evidence was then called, most of the witnesses having already given evidence at the inquest.

Mrs. Sarah Maher, of 34 Francis street, who rented the room in which the accused man and his wife had lived, stated that on the Wednesday night before Mrs. Casey died the accused man came to her and said that he had no money. He told her that his wife was "after falling out of her standing" in Baggot street, and had had to go to Baggot street Hospital. He had two bottles in his hand, one of which, he said, was for a "rub," and the other medicine for drinking.

She told him that he could have the room that night, and on the Thursday he gave her 5s. and went away to his room. He told her that his wife was home and had washed the floor that morning. On the morning of the 17th, accompanied by Mrs. O'Reilly, the witness went to Casey's room, where she found Mrs. Casey dead. She thought that the woman had suffered from convulsions.

Cross-examined by Mr. J. V. Brady, solicitor, who appeared for the accused man, the witness said that she had not seen Mrs. Casey between the Tuesday and the Friday morning, when she was dead.

Mr. Little—Did you see anything in the room that would lead you to the conclusion that there was violence?—No, sir.

A NIGHTMARE?

James O'Connor, who occupied a back drawingroom on the first floor with his wife, stated that at 2 o'clock on the morning of the 17th inst. he heard Mrs. Casey scream and roar out: "For —— sake, Tom, don't break my leg; don't kill me." He heard Mr. Casey say: "What's up with you; what's the matter with you?" He heard footsteps walking across the floor at about half-past two. He heard nothing more.

Mr. Brady—The screams—were they just as if she was suffering pain?—They seemed as if she was getting a beating.

Mr. Little—You did not hear any beating? The Witness—No.

Mr. Little said that, in view of that, it would not be fair to say that the woman was getting a beating. A person might have a nightmare and scream out in sleep, and they could not associate that with violence. The witness could not go further than say that it was a scream.

The witness, in reply to a further question, said that he did not hear Casey's door being opened after that.

Mrs. Doris O'Connor, wife of the previous witness, gave evidence of having been awakened by a scream and of hearing the accused man asking several times what was the matter.

In reply to Mr. Little, she said that when she saw Mrs. Casey dead on the following morning the deceased woman was peacefullooking, and there were no marks of violence about the bedclothes.

Mrs. Catherine O'Reilly said that she occupied a front room on the same level as the room occupied by the Caseys. Casey came to her door at about 4 o'clock on the morning of the 17th inst. He asked was she awake, and said that he did not know what ailed Lily. The witness was tired and did not get up. At about 8 o'clock Casey came back, knocked, and said: "Get up, Kate." Before she got dressed she heard the alarm that Mrs. Casey was dead.

Mr. Brady—Did he ask you to come in and use the liniment? No; he did not.

Did you tell him to go out and not mind her? No; I did not.

The witness said that Casey had shown her the liniment for his wife. She saw Mrs. Casey at about 6 o'clock in the evening, and Mrs. Casey was then complaining of her side.

NO EVIDENCE OF VIOLENCE.

Dr. Ormsby Murphy gave evidence of what he found as the result of his *post-mortem* examination, and said that, in his opinion, the cause of death was hemorrhage and rupture of the meningial artery.

In reply to Mr. Clarke, he said that he could not say in this case how the rupture of the meningial artery was caused. He had never known a case in which this artery was ruptured without violence, but at the same time he could discover no evidence of violence.

Mr. Clarke—If the deceased got a blow, say, in the room, would she be able to make her way to the bed? It is quite possible she would: in fact, it is quite probable she would.

Would you say, as the result of your examination, that death was due to natural causes? No; for the simple reason that I have never known a rupture of the meningial artery without violence. Whether it is due to a blow or a fall she got herself it is impossible to say.

Mr. Little—If you had been told that she had fallen, as they put it colloquially, "out of her standing," in Baggot street two days before and had to be carried into Baggot street Hospital, would you have associated that fall with the rupture of the meningial artery?

The Witness—It is a rather long interval. Of course, there might have been initial injury at that fall which I could not give evidence of. It is quite possible the fall in Baggot street might have had something to do with the hemorrhage in the skull.

SIGNS OF PNEUMONIA.

Mr. Brady asked the witness did he find any signs of liniment or anything having been used on the deceased woman.

The witness replied that he did not. He did not look for them. The pneumonia of the lungs that he found was in an early stage, and he came to the conclusion that it could not be pneumonia that killed the deceased woman.

Mr. Brady—Could she be delirious from it? Quite possibly.

Would it have put her in a weak condition? It would.

Mr. Clarke said that that was all the evidence he proposed to give that day, and asked for a week's remand.

Mr. Little said that he could hardly grant bail. The case, he observed, had not been unduly pressed. It was a doubtful case.

The prisoner, as stated, was remanded until Tuesday next.

KILLINEY NURSERIES.

The Governor-General of the Free State visited Messrs. Watson's Nurseries, Killiney, last Tuesday. By the production of fruit trees, shrubs and roses of the highest quality an extensive export trade is carried on, and, in spite of the coal strike and the general depression in trade, a larger quantity of Killiney-grown plants and blooms have been exported this season than heretofore. Great Britain absorbs the greater part of the trees sent out of the country, but during the past year numerous consignments from Killiney have also been sent to America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, India, Africa and Holland.

"We don't subscribe to the dictum that because a man's breath smells of drink he is, therefore, drunk and unfit to drive a car," said Sir George Lunn, the Chairman, at Newcastle Police Court on Tuesday.

DROWNED IN THE LIFFEY

SAD ENDING OF A VISIT TO OLD SHIPMATES.

A verdict of "accidental drowning" was returned at an inquest in the Dublin Morgue yesterday on William Augustus Dahlgrene, chief officer of the American steamship Victor Emmanuel III., whose body was found floating in the river at the North Wall docks, where the Victor Emmanuel at present lies, early yesterday morning.

Evidence was given that the deceased man, a native of Sweden, aged about 47 years and married, left his ship between 12 and 1 o'clock on Tuesday, and that night, at about 11.30, in company with Jhelmer Andersen, the second assistant engineer of the ship, went to visit the officers of the Nils Garthan, which was moored near by.

Andersen stated that after a short stay he left the Nils Garthan. As he was going ashore he saw the deceased man standing on the deck, talking to his friends. He walked along the quay, and after a few minutes heard a splash. Reboarding the vessel, he looked around and saw no one on board. He returned to his own ship to look for the deceased man, thinking that he might have returned there, but did not find him.

Asked by the Coroner (Dr. Byrne) how the deceased man could have got into the water, the witness replied that he could not say.

The Coroner—When you last saw him what was his condition?

The Witness—I could not see anything wrong with him. We were friends for a long time.

Asked whether they had any drink, the witness said that he was not drunk, and added: "We had just one cup of coffee and one drink each."

The gangway, he said, was in good order and properly lighted and railed.

John Lewis Lembald, second engineer of the ss. Nils Garthan, giving evidence, said that the deceased man, who was an old friend of his, went on board the vessel to visit him between 11 and 12 o'clock on Tuesday, and left at about 12.15. He saw him from his cabin to the deck, and when he got half-way down the gangway the witness returned to his cabin. He knew nothing of the drowning till the harbour constable informed him of it.

Evidence of finding the deceased man floating in the river at 12.30 yesterday about twelve feet away from the gangway of the Nils Garthan was given by Harbour Constable Fitzpatrick. The head was under water. When the body was got out artificial respiration was tried, but with no effect.

Police evidence was given that the witnesses from the ships, when interviewed after the occurrence, were sober.

The medical evidence was that the deceased man died from asphyxia following immersion in the water. Over the left eye there was a wound three inches long, caused, probably, by the deceased man hitting against the side of the ship or some blunt projection; but this was not sufficient to cause death.

A verdict as stated was returned, the Coroner expressing the opinion that it was an accidental occurrence. The gangway, he said, was in order and properly lighted, and no blame attached to anyone.

Mr. Howe, solicitor (Messrs. D. and T. Fitzgerald), appeared for the United States Shipping Board.

COUNTY LIMERICK SHOTGUN ACCIDENT.

Mr. Edward Roche, the well-known Irish engineer, who had a severe shot-gun accident last September at Castleconnell, Co. Limerick, has now recovered, although the accident has cost him the loss of an eye.

Mr. Roche, who is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and belongs to an old Irish family, is at present on the staff of the chief engineer of the Shannon scheme in Dublin.

As a result of the cold weather the number of unemployed in Austria has risen to 186,000 over 100,000 being in the provinces.—(Reuter.)

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BROADCASTING

TO-DAY.

DUBLIN (2RN)—319.1 Metres.
7.30—Talk, "Evolution of the Irish Nation," Seumas MacCall. 7.45—French, Mlle. Guidicelli. 8.0—Station Orchestra; Dorothy E. Deale (soprano) and Alfred Deale (baritone). Ireland, England, and Scotland. Old English Songs (A. Deale, baritone)—"The Slighted Swain," "My Lovely Celia," "Phyllis has Such Charming Graces" (arr. H. Wilson). Old Scottish Songs—"My Ain Kind Dearie O," "O Logie O'Buchan" (arr. G. Bantock); Dorothy Deale (soprano)—"So Sweet is She," "My Lytell Pretty One," "Pastorale" (D. Carey (arr. Lane Wilson). Scottish Songs—"Ane Ye Shall Walk in Silk Attire" (arr. H. Hughes), "Robin Adair" (Bayley and Ferguson). 8.45—Madame Bannard Cogley, Song Recital. 9.0—J. Clarke Barry's Band—Round the World by Radio—Denmark—"Juanita March" (Suppe), "Hesperusklange," waltz (Gungl), "Farce de Chasseur" (Komzak), "La Tzigano," mazurka (Ganne), Quadrille from "Der Arme Jonathan" (Millocker), "Tivoli Salon Galop" (Lumbye), "Liebeswalzer" (Ziehrer), "Min Itsch," mazurka (Moller), "Brautschau," polka (Strauss), "Fruhlingskinder" (Waldteufel), "Ach, ich, hab sie ja nur auf die Schulter gekusst" (Millocker), "Liebeszauber" (E. Strauss), "Die Kosenden," waltz (Lanner), Pegasus Galop (Lumbye). 10.30—Weather Forecast and close down.

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BELFAST (2BE)—306.1 Metres.
4.0—Station Orchestra; Kathleen Howe (soprano). 5.0—Mr. James Logan, M.A., "The Ulster Dialect." 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 8.0—Band Concert. Band of the 1st Batt. the West Yorkshire Regiment (the Prince of Wales' Own); Harry Brindle (baritone); Herbert Thorpe (tenor). 9.30-12.0—From London.

LONDON (2LO)—361.4 Metres.
1.0—Gramophone Records. 2.0-2.30—Thirty-Third Annual Banquet to Little Londoners and Distribution of Hampers to Crippled Children (relayed from the Guildhall). Triumphal entry of Civic Procession—Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, accompanied by twenty-eight Metropolitan Mayors. Music by the City of London Police Band. Short speech of welcome by Colonel Lawson (on behalf of the Little Cripples Christmas Hamper Fund. Short reply by the Lord Mayor, Sir G. Rowland Blades, Bart., M.P. Entertainment for children by the Sundown Nigger Minstrels. 3.0-3.45—Evensong at Westminster Abbey. 4.0—Time. Ann Spice, "Books to Read." 4.15—Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Deszo Kordy (violoncello), William Alwyn (flute). 6.35—Market prices for farmers. 6.40—Ministry of Agriculture Bulletin. 7.0—Weather and News. Sir Joseph Burn, "Life Assurance." 7.30—Music. 7.40 app.—Mr. P. Torday: Is Anthropology Worth While? 8.0—From Bournemouth. 9.30—"Crackers." Music by Hubert W. David. Lyrics by Oscar Sheridan. Produced by Oscar Sheridan. Cast includes: Eddie Morris, Hubert and Lorimer, and Florence Oldham. 10.0—Time, Weather and News. 10.15—Chopin, interpreted by Solomon. Fourth ballad. 10.30-12.0—The Savoy Bands.

DAVENTRY (5XX)—1,600 Metres.
10.30 a.m.—Time and Weather. 11.0—The Daventry Quartet and Violet Turner (contralto). Harold Judd (tenor), Maude Gold (violin). 1.0—From London. 2.0—From Bournemouth. 9.30—From London. 10.10—Shipping Forecast. 10.15-12.0—From London.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—491.8 Metres.
3.45—Pianoforte Quintet. 4.45—Louise Thibault: A Further Talk on Winter Sports. Marjorie Dams (contralto). 5.15—Children. 6.0—Orchestra. 6.35—From London. 7.40—Mr. H. Colin Gardner: "Crystal Set Maintenance." 8.0—Favourites: The Station Orchestra. Majorie Booth (contralto), Dennis Noble (baritone). 9.30-12.0—From London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—326.1 Metres.
11.15-12.15—Orchestra. 4.0—Orchestra. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Music. 6.15—For Farmers: Mr. J. Trehane (Chairman of the Farmers' Advisory Committee for the Bournemouth Broadcasting Station): "A Retrospect of Agriculture in 1926." 6.35—From London. 8.0—Wessex Programme. A Breath of Country Air: "The Woodlands" (William Barnes). Read by W. R. Bawler. Two Dorset songs, sung by Dale Smith (baritone). A Bygone Christmas with the Mellstock Quire. The Dead Quire (Thomas Hardy). Read by Barbara Couper. Carols, sung by the Mellstock Quire. The Midnight Ball (Thomas Hardy). Read by Barbara Couper. "The Three Wayfarers," a play in one act, by Thomas Hardy. Presented by the Hardy Players. "Who's A-feard?" Songs. Sung by Dale Smith. 9.30-12.0—From London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—353 Metres.
12.30-1.30—Music. 3.0—A Light Orchestral Concert; the Station Orchestra; Anita Vaughan (contralto). 4.45—Mrs. Portway Dobson, "Appreciation of Church Architecture; Its History and Plan." 5.0—Pianoforte Recital. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Capt. C. H. Brewer, M.C., "Aerial Travel." 6.15—From London. 7.30—"General Post," a comedy in three acts, by J. E. Harold Terry. 9.30-12.0—From London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—384.6 Metres.
11.30-12.30—The Station Quartet. 4.45—Auto-Piano Recital. 5.0—Nellie Boyd Taylor (soprano). 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.40—Mr. F. Stacey Lintott: Sports Talk. 8.0—Variety. Marcelle Mayne (entertainer), Clapham and Dwyer (entertainers), the Augmented Station Orchestra. 9.30-12.0—From London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—312.5 Metres.
4.0—The Rev. W. B. Hoult, "Emily Bronte." 4.15—Music. 5.15—Children. 6.0—From London. 7.40—"Taffrail": "The New Year in the Navy." 8.0—Richard Wagner: "The Valkyrie," Act I. 9.0—William Anderson (bass), May Blyth (soprano), Parry Jones (tenor). 9.15—Symphony Orchestra. 9.30—From London. 10.30—Dance Music. 11.15-12.0—From London.

LIVERPOOL (6LV)—297 Metres.
4.0—Orchestra. 5.0—Readings from the Poets, by H. C. Pearson. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Oonah Mairs (soprano). 6.35—From London. 8.0—From Bournemouth. 9.30-12.0—From London (10.10—Local News).

GLASGOW (5SC)—405.4 Metres.
4.0—Wireless Quartet. Winifred Small (violin). 5.0—Topics. 5.15—Children. 6.0—Weather Forecast for Farmers. 6.3—From London. 6.35—Edinburgh. 6.40—From London. 8.0—Maurice Cole (pianoforte) and Orchestra. 9.30-12.0—From London.

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WOMAN WITH A GRIEVANCE

STABS POLICEMAN IN THE BACK.

Police Constable Anderson was busy directing traffic at the corner of Spellow lane, Liverpool, on Tuesday night, when a woman stabbed him in the back with a sailor's jack knife. The blade penetrated his great coat and tunic, and inflicted a severe flesh wound a quarter of an inch long.

The constable fell to his knees, but scrambled up and helped to arrest the assailant, who declared: "I'll do him in yet. Pity the knife did not go far enough."

At the Police Court yesterday the woman was remanded till Monday. She had a grievance against the constable for giving evidence against her in a case in which she was convicted for improper conduct.

Anderson was not seriously injured.

BURGLARS' MISTAKE.

MONEY BLOWN INTO THE AIR.

A visit of burglars to Corkerhill railway station, Glasgow, early yesterday morning was productive of nothing but noise.

They blew open a safe with explosives. The windows and the roof of the office were shattered, and the safe, which contained a small sum of money, was blown to smithereens, the money included. The station clock stopped as a result of the concussion.

ALBERT MacARTHUR'S SALES.

On Tuesday, 18th January, Albert MacArthur, "The Housefinder," will submit to auction at 53 Lower Sackville street, "Ivy Grove," Dundrum; "Ansley," 124 Clonliffe road; 54 North Strand road, 22 Cadogan road, Fairview, and 32 Glengarriff parade, off North Circular road, all with vacant possession; also 28, 29, 30, 31 Glengarriff parade, North Circular road.

There is no truth in the rumours of foul play in the case of the death of Lance-Corporal Williams, of the 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers, who was found dead on Sunday night on the railway line at Bingenbruck, near Bingen. Death was due to injuries caused by Williams having been run down by a train.

SHOTS FIRED AT CIVIC GUARD.

REPORTED ATTACK ON A MOTOR 'BUS.

EIGHT MEN ARRESTED.

Among outrages which are reported to have been committed in different parts of the country during the Christmas are armed raids on shops, the firing of shots at two of the Civic Guard in Rearcross, County Tipperary; the hold-up of a motor omnibus at Horseleap; and, in Dublin, the pouring of green paint into letter boxes, and the destruction of a number of letters.

THE BLACK 'BUS.

NIGHT SCENE IN A VILLAGE.

A motor omnibus which runs daily between Dublin and Athlone was "held-up" by a number of men at Horseleap, on the borders of Westmeath and King's County, shortly before 10 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The omnibus, on account of its colour, is known as "The Black 'Bus." The conductor, John E. Ward, and a passenger, named Adamson, were badly beaten by the attackers. Adamson was so seriously hurt that he had to be taken to the hospital at Athlone. He is still there, but his condition is not grave.

Eight men were arested in connection with the attack on Monday. Their names are: John, Stephen and Martin Molloy (said to be brothers; John and Patrick Claffey, William and Michael Keyes, and James Johnston, all of Taheeran, King's County. They were brought before a Peace Commissioner on Tuesday and remanded to the next District Court at Clara early next month. There is no Civic Guard station at Horseleap, and the nearest stations are at Clara and Moate.

CONDUCTOR BEATEN.

The "Black 'Bus" left Dublin at 5.15 p.m., and arriving at Horseleap made a stop near Ryan's publichouse at 9.45 p.m. A number of men who were on the road tried to board the omnibus, but the conductor refused to take them. Two of them, however, succeeded in getting inside. The driver started the engine, but stopped it immediately on hearing a cry: "There is a man under the 'bus." Afterwards the conductor, it is alleged, was dragged from the platform and beaten. The driver saved himself by jumping from his seat and escaping in the darkness. By this time a number of men had got into the omnibus, and when a passenger named Adamson asked them not to be so noisy, one of them recognised him and shouted: "That is Adamson, of Athlone." They set upon him and gave him a severe beating.

Just then a resident of the village, who has a licence to keep a revolver, fired three shots in the air, and the men ran away. The omnibus did not arrive in Athlone until nearly midnight. When the "Magnet" omnibus, which left Dublin an hour after the "Black 'Bus," arrived in Horseleap the driver saw people fighting and swaying around the "Black 'Bus." Some of them called on the driver to stop, but he refused to do so, and did not pull up until he arrived in Moate, where he saw a party of the Civic Guard on their way to Horseleap.

Mr. Adamson who was assaulted in the omnibus is a brother of Brigadier Adamson, of the National Army, who was shot in Athlone in the year 1922.

THE CHARGE AGAINST THE MEN.

The men who have been arrested were charged with obstructing, intimidating, and assaulting John E. Ward, conductor of the motor 'bus running between Athlone and Dublin, on 24th December, and with assaulting John Adamson, who occupied the car on the occasion.

Superintendent Sheridan, who prosecuted, opposed bail, and pointed out that on several occasions recently persons boarded the 'bus and refused to pay the fare, and rows occurred when the conductor proceeded to put them off the 'bus. There was serious trouble on this occasion, and two people were very badly beaten. If they were allowed bail, he feared that there would be intimidation, and there would be the danger of witnesses declining to come forward to give evidence.

Mr. J. J. English, before whom the accused were brought, refused bail under these circumstances.

CIVIC GUARD UNDER FIRE.

On Christmas night two of the Civic Guard were fired at in Rearcross, County Tipperary, but fortunately neither of them was hit.

The Guards were on patrol shortly before midnight, and went down a lane near the Civic Guard station. They heard a rustling sound in bushes at the side of the lane, and flashed their electric lamps on the spot. Immediately a shot was fired. The Guards took cover in a gateway and two other shots were fired. They remained under cover until they thought it safe to make a dash for the barracks, where they reported the matter.

In the morning a search was made in the lane, and on the spot where the gunman or gunmen had been was found an empty .303 cartridge, and beside it a piece of newspaper on which a message was written in pencil warning the sergeant in charge of the station at Rearcross that there was "some lead in store for him."

ARMED PARTY IN A SHOP.

Six armed and masked men entered the premises of Messrs. Egan, Ltd., general merchants, at Moyvore, County Westmeath, at 8.35 p.m. on Christmas Eve, "held up" the assistants and customers and absconded with over £20 in money and a quantity of provisions and drink.

The shop was filled with customers at the time, and the entry of the gunmen caused consternation. The raiders made the customers and shop assistants put up their hands, and herded them into a corner of the shop, where one man was left on guard. Another of the raiders closed the door and stood guard at it, while his companions robbed the tills and purses, and seized a quantity of liquor and provisions. In less than ten minutes they left after warning the people to stay where they were. They ran down the street to where a Ford car was waiting, and drove away. No shots were fired.

RAID IN COUNTY CORK.

Early on Monday morning a number of armed and masked men raided a house and shop at Cahermore, near Clonakilty. A sum of £5 10s. was taken.

DUBLIN OUTRAGE.

Shortly before the Christmas holiday an outrage of a peculiar kind was perpetrated on the general public in Dublin. On several occasions the postmen who collected letters in the morning in the districts of Aungier street, Clare street, and Fitzwilliam place, found the inside of the post boxes and the letters covered with a green sticky paint, which had apparently been poured in through the mouths of the boxes. Some of the letters were ruined, but in the majority of cases it was possible to forward letters to their destinations.

The police are still engaged making inquiries, and are inclined to believe that it was the work of some irresponsible women.

CO. CORK COTTAGE RENTS.

At a meeting of the Southern Committee of the Cork County Board of Health yesterday, Mr. Daly, rent collector, said that he felt strongly a statement made by the Chairman, by which he was pilloried before the public as responsible for increasing the rent of a cottage at Glanmire.

The Chairman (Mr. T. Corcoran) said that he did not believe that he ever made such a statement. What he said was that they got information from Mr. Daly, as rent collector, regarding the circumstances of the people, and they could not go behind that. They considered that the man in this cottage could well afford 2s. 6d. a week.

Later a number of cottage tenants came before the Committee regarding the raising of rents, and explained the circumstances of their respective cases. The Committee gave them favourable consideration, and where the cases warranted, it had the rents reduced to the old figure.

The Chairman said that it was humiliating to sit there and have to go over all these cases again, after they had decided them before. He would resign from the chair and let the Committee do what they liked this thing went on.

OLD DUBLIN'S WATER SUPPLY.

PIPES THE SIZE OF A GOOSE QUILL.

The citizens of Dublin, one and all, who enjoy an unlimited supply of pure water from the mountains of Wicklow, will learn from the following article how their predecessors of some six or seven hundred years ago fared in regard to that necessary of everyday life, and will, no doubt, congratulate themselves upon their good fortune of the present day.

THE "DOOMSDAY BOKE."

In an ancient and curious book in possession of the Corporation of Dublin, called the "Doomsday Boke of Dyvelyn City," there is an entry to this effect:—

"That on the morrow of St. Leonard, in the 39th year of King Henry (7th November 1239), the Prior and Convent of the Holy Trinity of Dublin receive the water from the vase of the citizens of the said City of Dublin; that is, the vase situated opposite the Tholsel of said city, and near the gate of the Holy Trinity, to be held by them for three next following years from the said day."

There were then, it would appear, basins or reservoirs for the reception of water in various quarters of the city from which the inhabitants could have pipes laid on to supply their houses. One would be inclined to smile at the capacity of those pipes.

Then there is an entry recording a grant from the citizens of Dublin to the Abbot and Convent of St. Thomas of certain lands *juxta aqueductum*, which is witnessed by Gilbert de Lynet, the first Mayor of Dublin, in the year 1228; Audeon Brown, John de St. John and others.

THE CITY AQUEDUCT.

Another entry runs:—

"That on Thursday after the feast of St. Petronella, in the 39th year of King Henry III., a deed made between the Mayor and inhabitants of Dublin, on one part, and the Prior and Convent of the Holy Trinity, on the other, respecting the City Aqueduct. The copy of the Prior is deposited for safe keeping with Friar Cradoc, of the Hospital of St. John the Baptist, and the copy of the city with Thomas Ruffo, then Provost."

A further entry records:—

"That those underwritten gave to the support of the pipe of Dublin the following rents forever:—William of Chester 11s annual rent out of his house on the banks of the Liffey; William Pycot 12d. out of the stone house which belonged to William Sweetman; Alexander de Ultonia gave 12d. annual rent out of certain lands in Potter street with the arrears."

THE CITIZENS' PIPE.

It is further recorded that a grant of a certain part of the aqueduct from the Mayor and Commons was made to the Abbot and Convent of the Friars Preachers in perpetual alms, beginning within the walls of the New Gate, near the house of William Clark, and allowing the said Friars to join their pipe to the citizens' pipe, with a free transit of the said pipe through the land of the citizens to their house, provided that the pipe where it joined the house should not be so large that the little finger of a man could be inserted, and that it should never be made larger. This deed is witnessed by Luke, Archbishop of Dublin, who died in 1255.

IN 1287.

Under the date 1287 there is an entry which sets forth that the Mayor and Commons granted to Sir Richard de Exeter a certain portion of water, that is, of a pipe equal to the size of a goose-quill; and also to their fellow-citizen, Henry de Exeter for the convenience of himself and his neighbours dwelling near him, that he should be allowed at his own expense to attach a pipe to theirs, near the corner which led to Kilmaholmok street, to conduct the water to his house, near the Church of the Holy Trinity, into his cistern or reservoir, but the pipe not to exceed the grossness of a goose-quill.

SIXPENCE PER ANNUM.

Under the date 1329 (3rd Edward III.) a grant is made to Nicholas Fastolf and Cecilia, his wife, that they might have a pipe from the cistern of Master Walter de Instelep, in the Parish of St. Nicholas, to their house, to be carried along the middle of Rochelle street, not to exceed the size of a goose-quill.

In the year 1342 there was a grant to Master Walter de Instelep of a right to affix a pipe of the size of a goose-quill to the cistern in High street, near St. Michael's Church, at 6d. per annum, during his life and his heirs, and afterwards to pay 2s. at Easter and Michaelmas.

How would the citizens of Merrion square or St. Stephen's Green relish the goose-quill measure in our own day and generation?

A GALWAY DISPUTE.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE SECRETARYSHIP.

"We resent the tone of the Department's letter, which we consider insulting to the committee and to the secretary," stated a resolution passed yesterday by the County Galway Technical Instruction Committee, in connection with a communication from the Ministry of Education in regard to the secretaryship.

Mr. W. G. Fogarty held the secretaryships of the Technical Instruction Committee and the County Committee of Agriculture until his appointment as whole-time secretary of the county council, when a recommendation of the committee that he be allowed to continue his efficient discharge of the duties of secretaryship of the committee was not agreed to by the Department of Education, who directed that an advertisement for a whole-time secretary and principal should be issued at a starting salary of £250. The county council, on the other hand, directed the Technical Instruction Committee to appoint a secretary at £75 per annum without bonus. The Department maintained its attitude, and subsequently the county council agreed to the committee promoting one of its existing staff in accordance with the regulations, provided that the promotion entailed no extra appointment.

Mr. Fogarty had handed in his resignation, but continued to act as temporary secretary at the instance of the committee, and the letter considered yesterday stated that the Department was not prepared to sanction beyond 31st inst. the payment of his salary. It requested that an advertisement on the lines indicated previously should be issued without any more delay, and that arrangements should be made for carrying out temporarily the duties now discharged by him

Mr. Fogarty stated that he never asked the Department for sanction, and pointed out, in regard to the instructions for the making of the new appointment, the Local Appointments' Commissioners had been set up, and circulars had been issued containing instructions for the filling of appointments at variance with those of the Education Department. He wished to be relieved of the secretaryship long ago, being tired of being bandied about between Dublin and Galway, but he would not apply for payment beyond December 31st, although he would consent to act for the sake of the committee, with whom he had always the best relations.

BELFAST TRAMWAYS.

APPOINTMENT OF TRAFFIC SUPERINTENDENT.

Mr. Gilbert L. Craig was yesterday appointed Traffic Superintendent of the Belfast Tramways, in succession to the late Mr. Robert McMaster. The appointment is subject to the approval of the full council, and it is stipulated that the appointment is to be for twelve months, when further confirmation will be required.

Mr. Craig has had over thirty years' tramway experience, and has been acting in the position referred to since Mr. McMaster's death. There were 44 candidates for the position.

A COUNTY CORK DUMP.

Members of the detective division in Macroom, under Sergeant Reynolds, visited a remote district near Ballyvourney recently, and discovered a dump containing sixty detonators in a box, one coil of fuse, one slab of gun cotton, a quantity of gelignite, a magazine for a Thompson gun, ammunition of various kinds, and five grenade cartridges.

CHRISTMAS POST IN DUBLIN.

8,900,000 LETTERS AND PARCELS.

86,000 MONEY ORDERS FROM AMERICA.

The work of the Postal Department in Dublin during the Christmas season was carried through so successfully, and with such little delay or interference with the normal deliveries, that people concerned in the receipt and despatch of postal matter could have no conception of the great amount of work entailed. Yet in the period from December 17th to December 27th there passed through the Central Sorting Station at Pearse street the huge number of 8,988,385 postal packets, papers and letters.

These figures do not take into account the heavy volume of mails dealt with direct on the mail trains, the staffs of which were doubled to facilitate through transit of incoming and outgoing mails.

Of the total mentioned there were 2,386,685 local letters; 2,890,000 provincial and cross-Channel letters; 939,500 local packets and newspapers; 464,500 provincial packets and newspapers, while registered letters numbered 91,672. Foreign letters totalled 2,214,000, and foreign postal packets and newspapers totalled 83,000.

COSTLY GIFTS.

DUTIABLE ARTICLES IN LETTERS.

There were 86,700 money orders received from America and 500 from Australia. Approximately these orders averaged £2 in value, and at least 75 per cent. were addressed to the West of Ireland, so that at a low estimate £140,000 found its way to the West during this Christmas.

For those who like to study these figures it may be said that the registered packets showed a falling off from 129,685 the previous year. Local letters increased from 2,062,500. The provincial packets and newspapers fell from 672,500 last year to 464,500, but this was not so much a falling off of traffic as a diversion, due to the extra travelling Post Office facilities. The foreign letters and packets increased from 1,604,000 letters and 75,000 packets last year to 2,214,700 letters and 83,000 packets.

Foreign mails on December 17th last totalled 328,000 letters and 17,700 packets; on December 20th, 626,000 letters and 15,900 packets; on December 23rd, 647,000 letters and 17,100 packets; on December 27th, 318,000 letters and 11,000 packets.

The staffs worked so energetically, both in the sorting department and in the matter of delivery, that the heavy consignments were cleared, and it was actually found possible to dispense with almost all the temporary hands on Christmas Day.

INSURED PARCELS.

On the parcels side the figures were also very heavy. In the ten days from December 18th there were received 25,000 bags, totalling about 250,000 parcels. 28,000 bags were despatched.

In the Fowler Hall 32,000 parcels were subjected to Customs inspection. These were independent of the heavy numbers of parcels on which duty had already been declared. Over the period from December 13th to December 28th there were 2,251 bags of American parcels received. Among these were included 200 bags of insured parcels—this method of insuring parcels from America being an innovation this year. In this section also there was little delay in the delivery of parcels, so efficiently did the arrangements work.

DUTIABLE ARTICLES.

The practice of people in England and Northern Ireland sending dutiable articles through the letter post led to addressees in Dublin and elsewhere feeling aggrieved at the charges they had to pay for delivery of these packets. There was, for instance, the case of a pair of gloves being sent through the post as an ordinary letter. The packet was examined, and the addressee had to pay 2s. 6d. duty, 3s. fine, and 6d. clearance fee.

An *Irish Times* representative learned on inquiry that it is against the regulations of the Post Office to send any article liable to Customs duty by any post save the parcel post to or from Northern Ireland or Great Britain.

A COMMON PRACTICE.

And yet so common is the practice of people outside the Free State resorting to the letter post for the mailing of small dutiable articles that in Dublin alone an average of 50 such dutiable letter packets are detected each day.

The postal officials, expert in these matters, readily detect such packets, and have them sent to the Customs station. Here they are inspected and the duty assessed, and a corresponding fine imposed; or, alternatively, the packet may be confiscated. The duty on gloves or clothing is 33 per cent. of the value of the article, and under the tariff laws that must be paid on all such articles coming into the country. An article valued £3 would have a duty of £1 fixed, and, in addition, the Customs authorities impose a fine usually of the same amount; and, in addition, there is the regulation clearance fee of 6d. In the case of private persons sending on dutiable articles the fine is usually limited to 5s., as the Customs authorities believe that in most cases the senders are acting in good faith. The Commissioners also are always ready to hear personal grievances, and to deal with individual cases on their merits—remission of the fine being readily granted if there is shown to be a good case.

THE REMEDY.

The remedy for these troubles is for people in the Free State, who have friends in outside countries likely to send them dutiable articles, to acquaint these friends of the tariff, and of the regulation forbidding the sending of any such articles into the Free State save through the parcel post.

BELFAST POSTINGS.

POSTMASTER THANKS STAFF.

Mr. T. B. MacDowell, Postmaster Surveyor of Belfast, has addressed the following letter to the postal staff of Belfast:—

"I have to express to all sections of the staff my hearty appreciation of the splendid manner in which they tackled and disposed of this year's Christmas postal traffic. It was expected that this year's volume of work would exceed that of previous years, and plans in consultation with the staff were made accordingly.

"It was hoped that the public would fully co-operate with the department in the matter of early posting, and while a considerable number did so, it was disappointing to find that the Christmas Eve postings were heavier than on any previous occasion in the history of the Belfast Post Office.

"This threw a very heavy burden on the staff, but they rose to it in a manner characteristic of their fine traditions, and I thank them, one and all, for the magnificent efforts they made, and for the successful way in which they met the situation. No staff in any office could have done better."

MORE BUSINESS IN ENNISKILLEN

The return of the Christmas business transacted by the Enniskillen Post Office shows that 7,500 parcels were delivered, an increase of 1,200 over last year. The outgoing mails were also much in advance of last year, and all mails were despatched to time. Extra hands were employed, ex-Service men being taken on.

A feature of the postings was the great falling off in the number of parcels sent to the Irish Free State, because of the Customs barrier and the parcels tax. Before the Customs regulations were in force an average of twenty bags daily were despatched from Enniskillen to Dublin during the Christmas season. This year the number of bags was about four per day; and there was also a decrease in the number of letters despatched. This decrease does not apply to Christmas alone. Some years ago there was a parcels bag sent to Dublin with each outgoing mail, whereas to-day there is only one sent.

DUBLIN UNION CONTROL.

LIKELY REDUCTION IN POOR RATE.

Since the Dublin Union Guardians were superseded by the Commissioners (Mr. J. MacLysaght, Chairman; Dr. Dwyer and Mrs. J. Power) in November, 1924, the Union expenditure, despite many adverse circumstances, including excessive unemployment and the high cost of living, has been reduced by a considerable sum.

The estimates for the year March, 1927, to March, 1928, will be submitted in February, and, while it is rather premature to give details, it is believed that the poor rate will be slightly reduced.

This is satisfactory, when it is considered that the estimates for poor rate for the year 1926-27 were reduced by about 4d. in the £ as compared with the preceding year.

FALLING ESTIMATES.

The estimates for the year 1924-25 were £257,177. For the year 1925-26 they were £240,114. For the current year (ending March, 1927) they were about £213,000.

The position of affairs at present is that the Commissioners (as was announced at a meeting yesterday) have a credit balance of £4,155.

Added to that there is a sum of £12,000, which was raised on loan for making additions to Pelletstown Auxiliary Institution. Sanction for that loan was obtained at the beginning of this year, but the Commissioners have not yet applied for the money, as they have carried on, and brought this amount from revenue, thus saving one year's interest, roughly, £500.

There is also another sum of about £12,000, spent in connection with relief of distress for the month of May last, under Section 13 of the Local Government Act. Contributions covering this amount are due from the Corporation and the Dublin Union.

This really brings the total to credit to about £28,000.

FINANCIALLY SOUND.

The Union being in such a sound financial position, and considering the working of the institution for the past nine months, the ratepayers may expect a further reduction of the poor rate, though it will not be as substantial as that of last year

The standard of diet in the institution has been well maintained. The best flour is purchased from Irish flour millers, and baked in the Union. The best quality meat is also purchased; and, indeed, all classes of provisions and necessaries are of the best description, and of Irish manufacture wherever possible. Extra attention has been paid to the hospitals, which are in a high state of efficiency.

In all these circumstances the prospect of a reduced estimate is satisfactory. It is a tribute to the efficiency and business capabilities of the Commissioners, whose work should bear still further fruit in years to come.

SUGAR BEET.

WORK OF GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

In a circular dated Carlow, December 21, 1926, the Irish Sugar Beet Growers' Association calls attention to the important benefits that it has secured for its members. It points out that, when the first consignments of beet arrived at the factory on the 6th of last November, the officers of the Association were present to supervise the weighing, sampling, and determination of the tare and sugar content of each consignment delivered by members of the Association. The methods then adopted for these purposes "were rather favourable to the company, and were so inadequate that growers would in many cases have suffered considerable loss." As the result of representations to the company, their methods were altered as follows:—

"1.—Samples for tare purposes are now drawn by means of a beet fork instead of a shovel. Experiments have shown that this alteration in the method of obtaining the sample may effect a reduction of as much as 5 per cent. in the tare.

"2.—Ten representative roots from each consignment are selected for the determination of sugar content instead of selecting only two roots, as was the practice at the beginning.

"3.—More accurate methods of analysis have been adopted, whereby the sugar content of each sample is increased by approximately one half per cent., which increases the value of the beet by 1s. 3d. per ton.

"4.—To the tare ascertained by weighing the sample before and after washing, a further tare of 2 per cent. was added for the reason that the washed sample is wet when it is weighed. As a result of representations made by the Association, the addition of this 2 per cent. to the tare has been discontinued, and, in all cases where this charge had already been made, it has been cancelled.

"5.—The Association are strongly urging the Company to issue Advice Notes to each grower, setting forth the gross and net weight, the percentage of tare and sugar content, and the value of each consignment. The Company have undertaken to adopt this practice as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made."

The circular goes on to say that the Association's representatives at the factory in many cases has saved members many times the amount of their contributions. Already the concessions obtained should increase the average returns of all growers by at least 30s. per statute acre.

The circular urges that, if all beet growers will join the Association before the 15th of next January, it is likely that further concessions will be obtained, and "when the time comes for a renewal and revision of contracts an Association which includes all growers will occupy the same strong position as British growers of sugar beet have obtained through their organisation." Growers who have not received a membership card are requested to communicate with the secretary of the Irish Sugar-Beet Growers' Association, the Factory, Straw Hall, Carlow.

MOTOR CAR AND TRAP COLLIDE.

KING'S COUNTY WOMAN KILLED.

Mrs. Gowan (45), wife of David Gowan, farmer, Killeenmore, Killeigh, sustained injuries in a motor car collision at Tullamore on Christmas Eve, from which she died subsequently. She was driving through Earl street in a pony-trap, with her husband and son, when it came into collision with a motor car driven by Mr. Harry Ruxton, who was approaching his residence in Earl street. The occupants of the trap were thrown to the ground, but only Mrs. Gowan sustained serious injury.

Mr. Ruxton was arrested in connection with the occurrence, taken before Mr. J. Wrafter, Peace Commissioner, on a charge of manslaughter, and remanded on bail to Tullamore District Court.

ROSCOMMON TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

AN ELECTION ORDERED.

The Roscommon Town Advisory Committee, which was appointed by the County Council some time ago, and replaced the Town Commissioners, who were abolished by the Local Government Department, has now ceased to function by an order from the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, and an election of Town Commissioners for Roscommon is ordered to take place not later than February 28th.

Much local interest is being taken in the forthcoming election.

"Tea for two,
Two for tea,"
Salmon for you.
And Salmon for me.
John West's "Middle Cut"
And nothing but.

"NO! NO! NANETTE."

Let's eat

"BLACK EAGLE."

It's very good, and something cheaper.
—(Advt.)

End of Season Sale

HUNDREDS OF ITEMS MERELY HALF PRICE at BROWN THOMAS'

Every department has entered an extensive list for this Sale and a portion (only) is here detailed. Visit or write as quickly as you can. Some lines are very limited and will not last over long. Good shoppers never miss the "B.T." Clearance Sale. It offers an opportunity to purchase well below current prices. Sale commences this morning.

Begins this morning

100 ODD FUR NECKLETS, in various styles and qualities. Usual prices run 2¼ to 4¼ Guineas each. Sale Price ... 30/-

SHORT SEAL CONEY COATS of fine quality. Usual price, 12 and 15 Guineas each. Sale Price £8

LADIES' MACS
Shot Silk Macs, all shades. Usual Prices, 25/9. Sale Price ... 15/-

COATS, FROCKS, TAILORED SUITS

200 ODD COATS, in fine quality Velours, trimmed contrasting Fur collar and cuffs. All well cut garments. Usual prices, 4 to 6¼ Gns. each. All round Sale Price, £3

SLIP-ON TWEED AND VELOUR COATS—All well tailored on Smart lines. Usual prices 3 and 4 Gns. each. Sale Price ... £2

COAT-FROCKS in fine quality Repp and Fancy Checks, all cut on the newest lines. Usual prices, each, 3¼ and 4¼ Guines. Sale Price ... £2

TAILORED SUITS, in fine quality Tweeds and Suitings, most up-to-date cut and style. Usual prices, 3 and 4 Guineas each. Sale Price, from £3 to ... £2

DANCE FROCKS in Taffeta, Georgette and Crepe-de-Chine. Usual prices, 3¼ and 4 Guineas. Sale Price ... 45/-

DRESS CLOTHS

NOVELTY WOOL CHECKS—Many designs and colourings, 38/40 inches wide. Sale Prices, per yard, 3/11, 2/11, and 2/6

GLENEAGLES WOOL CHECK—Usual price, per yard, 5/11. Sale Price, per yard ... 3/11

CORD VELOUR—Brown, saxe, green. 54 inches wide. Usual price, per yard, 5/11. Sale Price ... 3/11

ALL-WOOL CHECK SUITING, 54 inches in width. Usual price, per yard, 7/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

ALL-WOOL LAMA—Shaded stripe. 40 inches wide. Usual price, per yard, 4/11. Sale Price ... 2/11

ALL-WOOL SUITING—Handsome designs, 54 inches wide. Usual price, per yard, 9/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

ALL-WOOL BOTANY SUITING—Brown and grey grounds. Usual price, per yard, 12/11. Sale Price, per yard ... 5/11

ZIBILINE SUITING—Plain and striped, in saxe, brown, green, tan, etc. Usual price, per yard, 9/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

JACQUARD VELOUR, 54 inches wide, in almond, fawn, brown, mole and black. Usual price, per yard, 11/9. Sale Price ... 5/11

FANCY VELOUR—New red, brown, tan, green, etc. 54 inches wide. Usual price, per yard, 12/11. Sale Price, per yard ... 5/11

CHENILLE VELOURS—Brown tan, wine, etc. 54 inches wide. Usual price, per yard, 10/11. Sale Price ... 5/11

CHENILLE VELOUR—In rust, brown, black/white. 54 inches wide. Usual price, 10/11. Sale Price ... 6/11

ALL-WOOL VELOUR—Coat weight, 54 inches wide, in all shades. Usual price, 8/11. Sale Price, per yd. 4/11

ALL-WOOL VELOUR—Super quality, in wine, bois de rose, tan, brown, navy, black, etc. Usual price, per yard, 8/11. Sale Price ... 5/11

ALL-WOOL VELOUR—French Velour made from fine botany wool. In latest shades. Usual price, per yard, 11/9. Sale Price ... 9/11

BOTANY WOOL STOCKINETTE 54 inches wide circular. Our famous standard quality. In ivory, fawn, brown, wine, violet, grey, cyclamen, saxe, almond. Special Sale Price ... 5/11

SILKS

CREPE SATIN—For inexpensive Dance Frocks and Children's wear. 36/38 inches wide. In ivory, rose, cyclamen, sky, saxe, pink and mauve. Usual price, per yard, 3/11. Sale Price, per yard ... 1/11

PRINTED MAROCAIN—In various white and coloured grounds. 36/38 inches in width. Usual price, per yard, 4/11. Sale Price ... 2/6

MITELESE RAYON—Three designs in many shades. 36/38 ins. wide. Usual price, 4/6. Sale Price, per yard ... 2/6

SHOT TAFFETA SILK—Beautiful two-tone effects. 36/38 ins. wide. Usual price, per yard, 6/11. Sale Price ... 3/11

CREPE 'PADDY' Rayon Marocain, in newest shades. 36 ins. wide. Usual price, per yard, 4/11. Sale Price ... 3/11

BROCHE GEORGETTE RAYON—Pretty evening shades. Usual price, per yard, 6/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

COLOURED CHIFFON VELVET—Saxe, wine, violet, pink, jade, navy, black, etc. 36/39 inches wide. Usual price, per yard, 11/9. Sale Price ... 9/11

SELF-STRIPE STOCKINETTE—In ivory, apricot, black, etc. 40 inches wide. Sale Price, per yard ... 3/11

ODDMENTS in Printed Crepe de-Chine, Marocain, Broche Taffeta and other Silks (All Double Width). Usual Prices, 6/11 to 12/11 per yard. Will be Cleared at the Sale Price of 4/11

WINCEYETTE PYJAMAS, for Ladies, in plain colours, Jumper shape. Also Striped, in Coat shape. Usual prices, 8/6 and 9/6. Sale Price, 6/11

LADIES' NUN'S VEILING Night Dresses, with round neck, elbow sleeve, neatly embroidered. Usual prices, 15/6 and 16/6. Sale Price, 12/11

LADIES' WHITE NIGHT DRESSES, made in a strong Cambric and finished embroidery, square and round neck, short sleeves, Usual prices, 6/6 and 6/11. Sale Price... 3/11

JUMPERS CARDIGANS OVER-BLOUSES

LADIES' ALL-WOOL JUMPERS, Shetland stitch, V neck, long sleeves, two pockets and belts. In shades of tan, rust, beaver, tomato, and almond. Usual price, 15/11. Sale Price ... 12/11

ODD LOTS of Ladies' Heavy Wool Jumper Suits, in Saxe, Purple and Grey. Usual prices, 49/6 to 59/6. Sale Price... 29/11

LADIES' CARDIGANS, in Shetland stitch, also in ribbed wool; plain shades of saxe, rust, tan, beige. Also Mixed Marls, in brown and putty. Usual prices, 14/11 and 15/11. Sale Price... 12/11

SCHAPPE OVER BLOUSES, with Peter Pan and Robespierre collars. Beautifully cut and finished. Guaranteed to wash. Usual prices, 18/11 and 21/-. Sale Price... 16/11

Ladies' Shoe Section

CHAMPAGNE KID 1-BAR SHOES, low wood heel, smart toes. All sizes and half sizes. Sale Price ... 12/11

CHAMPAGNE KID 1-BAR SHOES, Louis heels, in all sizes. Sale Price ... 12/11

BEIGE KID 1-BAR SHOES, leather, military heels. All sizes and half sizes. Sale Price ... 12/11

PATENT 1-BAR SHOES, cut sides, low heels, in all sizes (Also in Willow Calf). Sale Price ... 16/9

ODDMENTS IN 1-BAR SUEDE SHOES. (Also in Glace.) Sale Price, per pair ... 9/11

ODDMENTS IN SATIN COURT SHOES, various colours. Louis heels. Sale Price ... 6/11

ENTRANCE MEN'S AND BOYS' DEPT. IN DUKE ST.

Boys' Suits & Overcoats AT HALF PRICE

SCHOOL SUITS, made from all-wool, hard-wearing tweeds, in shades of grey and fawn. Good wear for school. Usual price, 39/6. Sale Price ... 19/9

BOYS' OVERCOATS—Oddments left after season. Made from all-wool tweeds. Some lined with wool check lining. To fit boys 2 to 5 years. Usual price, 39/6. Sale Price ... 19/9

YOUTHS' OVERCOATS—To fit 13 to 17 years; mostly dark greys and a few browns. In all-wool tweed and fleecy cloths. Usual price, 55/-. Sale Price ... 27/6

YOUTHS' SUITS, made from all-wool tweed and Saxony cloths, in shades of brown, fawn and grey. To fit 13 to 17 years. Usual price, 70/-. Sale Price 59/6

BOYS' UNDERWEAR

BOYS' PYJAMAS—Winter Weight Winceyette. Neat stripes on white ground. Sizes to fit boys 6 to 15 years. First size (24-inch chest measurement). Sale Price ... 5/11 (Rise 6d. every 2 inches).

BOYS' WINCEYETTE SHIRTS—Good wearing and washing material. Sizes 12, 12½, 13, 13½, and 14 inches. Sale Price on first size ... 3/6 (Rise 6d. each size).

ODDMENTS of Boys' Undervests and Knickers Clearing during the Sale at ... 3/11

LADIES' TIES AND SCARVES

Coloured Crepe de Chine Bows. Usual prices, 1/11 and 2/6. Sale Price ... 1/6

Crepe de Chine Eton Ties. Usual prices 2/6, 2/11 and 3/6. Sale Price ... 2/3

Shetland Scarves—White, with coloured stripe and self colours. Usual prices, 5/11, 7/11, and 8/11. Sale Price ... 3/11

Crepe Neck Scarves, Floral designs. Usual prices, 5/11, 6/11 and 7/11. Sale Price ... 3/11

Vicuna Wool Scarves, Fancy checks and stripes. Usual prices, 4/11, 5/11 and 6/6. Sale Price, 3/11

Artificial Silk Knit Scarves. Stripes and self colours. Usual prices, 5/11 and 6/11. Sale Price 4/6

CHUBBY UMBRELLAS

50 Chubby Umbrellas—Good wearing taffeta border covers, in black, brown and navy. Usual prices, 12/11 and 15/6. Sale Price ... 9/11

40 Chubby Umbrellas—Smart handles; covered in black, brown, green and navy. All Silk covers. Usual prices, 25/6 and 27/6. Sale Price ... 19/11

Men's Outfitting BARGAINS

MEN'S TUNIC SHIRTS. Irish manufacture, made from good Zephyr cloths, in excellent patterns. Sizes, 16, 16½, and 17 neck band only. Usual prices, 7/6. Sale Price 4/6

MEN'S FLANELLETTE SHIRTS, neat stripe on white ground. All sizes in stock. Sale Price, 5/6

MEN'S UNDERVESTS AND PANTS, "St. Margaret's." All-Wool make; guaranteed unshrinkable. Warm garments. All sizes in stock. Sale Price, each garment ... 6/6

MEN'S WINCEYETTE PYJAMAS, medium weight. Will wash and wear well. Block stripes. All sizes in stock. Sale Price ... 8/6

MEN'S FLANNEL PYJAMAS, winter weight. Neat stripes of blue, mauve, and fawn on cream ground. All sizes in stock. Usual prices per pair, 15/11. Sale Price, 13/11

MEN'S FANCY CASHMERE SOCKS, Balbriggan make (seconds), all-wool, beautiful designs on grounds of grey, blue, fawn, brown, etc. Sizes, 10, 10½ and 11 inches. Usual price, 4/6. Sale Price ... 2/6

MEN'S SUPER GRADE SUITS Well cut and finished in latest colourings of brown and fawn. Best quality double plain worsted cloths. All sizes 34 to 40 inch chest. Usual price £5 15 6. Sale Price £4 15

MEN'S OVERCOATS AT HALF PRICE

LIMITED QUANTITY OF ALL-WOOL FLEECY CLOTH OVERCOATS, well cut, belt all round. Sizes 36 to 40-inch chest. Usual price, 90/-. Sale Price ... 45/-

MEN'S SUPER-GRADE OVERCOATS, made of best quality Velours, in latest shades of browns and fawns. Double-breasted style, plain back, shaped waist. Usual price, £5 15/6. Sale Price £4/15/0

LADIES' GLOVES & HANDKERCHIEFS

COLOURED CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS, newest designs. Usual price, each, 8½d. Sale Price, 4½d., or half-a-dozen for ... 2/-

PULL-ON KID GLOVES, with strap at wrist and wool lined. Splendid for shopping or hard wear. Usual price, per pair, 8/11. Sale Price ... 6/11

2-DOME DOESKIN GLOVES, well cut and made; good stout skins. In shades of tan and grey. Usual price, 9/11. Sale Price ... 6/11

2-DOME WOOL-LINED DOESKIN GLOVES, well-cut and made; grey and tan shades. Usual price, 8/11. Sale Price ... 6/11

2-DOME DOESKIN GLOVES, high-grade skins; brown, grey, and beaver shades. Usual price, 6/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

2-DOME TAN KID GLOVES, wool-lined, splendid for hard wear. Usual price, 7/11. Sale Price ... 5/11

PULL-ON FAB GLOVES, beautifully cut and made. Beaver, grey, black and brown colours. Usual price, 3/11. Sale Price ... 1/3

ATTACHE CASES & CARD TABLES

Fibre Attache Cases—	14in.	16in.	18in.
Usual Prices—	3/11.	4/11.	5/11
Sale Price	2/6	3/6	4/6

Card Tables—Full size, 22in. by 23in., made of seasoned birch, covered in good green cloth. Usual price, 5/11. Sale Price ... 4/11

Same Table, but covered in green baize. Usual price, 6/11. Sale Price, 5/11

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Lines of Trimmed Millinery in newest shapes and colours and black. Usual prices 30/- to 2½ Gns. Sale price 21/-

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BARGAINS IN LADIES' HOSIERY

SILK HOSE, long panel, fashioned, with strong mercerised feet and double suspender tops. Sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Shades of nude, flesh, mid-grey, champagne, sunblush, pongee, silver-tinsel, dark grey, and rose-beige. Usual price, per pair, 5/11. Sale Price ... 3/11

SUPER BOTANY WOOL HOSE, seamless, sizes 9 to 10 inches; in black, nude, putty, rose-beige, silver grey, cinnamon, fawn. Usual price, 2/11½. ... 2/6

PLAITED SILK AND COTTON HOSE, seamed back; sizes, 9 and 9½ inches. Black, nude, sunburn, flesh, sunset, grey. Usual price, 3/11. Sale Price ... 2/11½

CHIFFON LISLE HOSE, full fashioned, with reinforced feet and double suspender tops. Sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Flesh, champagne, sunburn, peach. Usual price, 3/11. Sale Price ... 2/11½

MERCERISED LISLE HOSE, fashioned, and with cashmere feet and strong suspender tops. In shades of nude, cinnamon, biscuit, grey, and coverts. Usual price, 3/11. Sale Price ... 2/11½

ART SILK HOSE, with seamed back, reinforced feet and strong mercerised suspender tops. Sizes 8½ to 10 inches. Black, nigger, flesh, sunburn, nude, silver-tinsel, rose-beige, grey, and evening shades. Usual price, 2/11½. Sale Price ... 2/6

GIRLS' DRESSING GOWNS

Dressing Gowns, in heavy warm Ripple cloth, with deep collar and finished cord girdle. In rose and saxe. Sizes, 27, 30 and 36 inches. Sale Price ... 7/11

Girls' Velour Coats

Velour Coats, in saxe, wine, and brown. Collars of mole and silver Coney. In odd sizes, 22, 24, 30, 33, and 39 inches. Usual prices, 57/6 to 39/6. Sale Price, 39/6 to ... 29/6

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CHURCH OF IRELAND.

INTERCESSION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.

The House of Bishops has appointed the second Sunday of the new year (January 9th, first Sunday after Epiphany) as the Day of Intercession for Christian Unity. The Bishops desire that the intercession should be connected with the World Conference on Faith and Order, which is to be held in Lausanne in August next. Information upon this and kindred subjects will be found in *The Review of the Churches* (apply to Rev. Walter Armstrong, 5 Endsleigh Gardens, London, N.W. 1). Forms of Prayer may be obtained from the A.P.C.K., 37 Dawson street, Dublin.

It is greatly to be hoped that Christian people generally will take an intelligent interest in this remarkable gathering, at which will be assembled representatives of all the principal Christian denominations of the world, with the exception of the Church of Rome, which, although invited, did not see its way to join.

THE IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE.

The weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Irish National League was held in the offices, 52 Upper Sackville street, Dublin, last night, Mr. John Fogarty presiding over a large attendance.

The hon. secretary reported that eight new branches had been established in the Free State since the last meeting, and that demonstrations were being arranged to be held in Countes Cork, Cavan, Louth and Galway. Final arrangements were made in connection with the forthcoming public meeting, under the auspices of the Inns Quay Ward branch, at which the speakers will be Captain W. A. Redmond, T.D.; Mr. Thomas O'Donnell, Mr. James Cosgrave, T.D.; Captain Henry Harrison, Mr. Daniel O'Leary, Alderman J. J. Farrell, Mr. W. G. Fallon, Mr. Daniel McMenamin, Mr. B. C. Hackett, and Mr. T. J. Hutchinson.

BELFAST RELIEF SCHEMES.

CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTIONS.

In connection with the Lord Mayor of Belfast's relief schemes, the following distributions have been made during the past fortnight:—

Lord Mayor's Special Relief Fund—2,000 cases relieved; £625 per week for two weeks.

The Coal Fund (first distribution)—6,300 recipients of two bags each, 12,600 bags, which does not include the Lord Mayor's own gift of 1,000 bags to 500 ex-Service men.

The Lady Mayoress's Christmas Parcels Fund—6,250 parcels (each containing a fruit loaf, a plain loaf, 2lbs. of sugar and half a pound of tea) and a 5s. coupon for groceries or flesh meat.

AMERICANS AND THEIR MONEY.

"Americans don't like to pay much anyway," remarked Mr. W. J. Arthur, J.P., in discharging Neil Gibbons at Derry Police Court on Tuesday, on payment of a shilling to cover the costs of the Court.

Gibbons, a returned Irish-American, hailing from the Buncrana district, appeared in the dock on a charge of being drunk at Foyle road on Monday evening.

Constable Carson said that the man was helplessly drunk. The prisoner informed him that it was his first offence. He was short of cash, but had a deposit receipt in his possession for £200.

Mr. Arthur—It was just as well he was arrested. He might have lost all.

No record was entered against the prisoner, who paid the shilling promptly, after thanking the magistrate for his leniency.

CASTLECOMER COAL DOWN.

The price of the Castlecomer coal has been reduced by five shillings per ton since last week. The demand for the fuel is very brisk, and the miners are on full time, over 350 being employed.

CRUDE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

DIPHTHERIA OUTBREAK IN SLAUGHTERHOUSE VICINITY.

With reference to the outbreak of diphtheria at Kilcormac, Dr. Sterling Berry, Local Government Medical Inspector, has reported to the King's County Board of Health that he saw the blood of a freshly-killed sheep flowing into a drain which passed down the roadside and was not properly closed in parts. The engineer informed him that the drain was blocked, and that when he opened it he found it full of blood and decaying viscera of slaughtered animals.

The first cases of diphtheria reported occurred in a house adjoining the slaughter-house, and all the cases were in this part of the village. He considered that the slaughterhouse should be closed until the owner put in a proper water supply and drainage system.

The inspector further pointed out that the village drainage system was crude and inefficient, and that the water supply comes from wells, some of which have been reported as unfit for human use.

The Commissioner requested the Local Government Department to hold a local inquiry into the sanitary condition of the place and the cost of improvement schemes proposed.

AID TO POOR MOTHERS AND INFANTS.

Reports submitted to the monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Infant Aid Society showed that during the month of November, 1926, 20,028 pint bottles of milk, 870 dinner tickets, and 169 garments were given free to poor mothers and infants in Dublin. During the period 1,418 pint bottles of milk were sold at reduced prices.

Mr. Averil Harriman, of W. H. Harriman and Company, New York, who has obtained the Manganese Concession at Chiatury from the Soviet Government, arrived at Tiflis yesterday, from where he will proceed to Chiatury.—(Reuter.)

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Miss BILLIE WEINER'S BAND.
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These Tickets are not transferable.
G. M. HARRISS, General Manager.
29th December, 1926.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

DUBLIN PORT & DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.

ELECTION OF ELECTIVE MEMBERS.

THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD HEREBY GIVE NOTICE

1.—That an Election of FOUR TRADERS' MEMBERS and THREE SHIPPING MEMBERS OF THE DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD will be held between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1927, at the PORT AND DOCKS OFFICES, 20 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN.

2.—Each Candidate must be nominated by writing, subscribed by two Electors as Proposer and Seconder, and the Nomination Paper must be duly signed by the Candidate or some person duly authorised by him in writing for such purpose as consenting to such Nomination.

3.—The Nomination Paper must state the surname and other names of the Candidate, with his abode or place of business and description, and must specify whether the Candidate is proposed as a "TRADERS' Member" or as a "SHIPPING Member," and the nomination Paper may be in the following form or to the like effect:—

NOMINATION PAPER—DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS ACTS, 1898 TO 1925.

Election of ELECTIVE Members of the Board, To be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1927.

We, the undersigned, being respectively Electors, hereby nominate the following person as a Candidate:—

Surname.	Other Names.	Abode or Place of Business.	Description.
Smith	William Henry	100 City quay	Timber Merchant.

The above-named William Henry Smith is proposed as a* Member.
*State whether Traders' Member or Shipping Member.

Signature	Number on Register of Electors.
Thomas Jones	360
James Robinson	780

I, the above-named William Henry Smith, hereby consent to my being nominated as a Candidate at the said Election.
Dated this day of 19
Signed ‡WILLIAM HENRY SMITH.
‡Signature of Candidate or person duly authorised to sign the Nomination Paper on his behalf.

4.—Each Candidate must be nominated by a separate Nomination Paper, but the same Electors may subscribe as many Nomination Papers as there are vacancies to be filled, but no more.

5.—Nomination Papers must be delivered by the Candidate himself or by his Proposer or Seconder to the Secretary of the Board, or to some person authorised to receive the same, at the Office of the Dublin Port and Docks Board, before FOUR o'clock in the afternoon of SATURDAY, the 1st day of January, 1927.

6.—The Returning Officers will attend at the Office of the DUBLIN PORT AND DOCKS BOARD on Monday, the 3rd day of January, 1927, for a sufficient time between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon to hear and decide objections to Nomination Papers.

7.—Forms of Nomination Papers may be obtained at the Office of the Secretary of the Board.
E. H. BAILEY, Secretary.
Port and Docks Office, Dublin.
Dated this 23rd day of December, 1926.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — *An anti-cyclone persists off our South-West coasts. A deep depression off the East coast of Iceland will probably move south-eastward over the British Isles. Winds will be mainly from between west and north-west, strong to high at times in Scotland, and weather will be cloudy and rather unsettled in the North, but mainly fair in the South.*

N.W. and N.E. Ireland.—Wind west, veering to north-west, fresh to strong; cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; visibility mainly good; mild.

S.E. and S.W. Ireland.—Wind between west and north-west, moderate or first, becoming rather stronger; fair to cloudy; visibility moderate to good; mild.

S.W. Seaboard. — Moderate north-west wind; fair; visibility mainly good; sea slight.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—Wind westerly, veering to north-west later, fresh to strong; cloudy; occasional rain; visibility mainly good; sea becoming rough.

N.W. Seaboard.—Wind west, veering to north-west, strong to a gale at times; cloudy, occasional rain; visibility mainly good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall: Barometers and Thermometers, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt.)

DUBLIN WEATHER REPORT

Dec.	Bar.	Thermometer. Temp. 10 p.m.	Max.	Min.	Grass Min.	Wind.	Rain. m.m.	Sun hours
22	30.722	40.9	43	32	22	E.	0.3	1.8
23	30.816	41.4	42	40	31	E.	0.1	0.2
24	30.880	42.5	43	39	33	E.	—	—
25	30.844	38.9	43	36	32	S.E.	—	0.0
26	30.744	41.7	44	35	26	—	—	0.0
27	30.364	41.3	42	33	27	S.W.	—	—
28	30.090	51.7	52	41	35	W.	—	—

THE SUN.

	Rises	Sets
To-day	8.41	4.14
To-morrow	8.41	4.15
Lighting-up Time		5.14

HIGH WATER—DUBLIN.

	Morning	Afternoon
To-day	7.51	8.20
To-morrow	8.48	9.15

The Irish Times.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1926.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

There were 208 representatives of cow-testing associations in the Free State at the annual congress which was held in Mallow yesterday under the auspices of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society.—(Page 6.)

Our Belfast Correspondent states that several of the Belfast linen mills which have been closed for many months are about to be re-opened, and that the general outlook in the linen trade is much brighter than it has been of late.—(Page 5.)

Eight men have been arrested and charged with intimidating and assaulting the conductor of a motor omnibus at Horseleap and assaulting a passenger.—(Page 3.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

An outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has occurred at Devizes, Wiltshire.—(Page 5.)

A motor fire engine at Stockport yesterday broke through the parapet of a bridge, killing Superintendent Beckwith in its fall, and seriously injuring Inspector Rusby and Fireman Rogers.—(Page 5.)

ABROAD.

The Hercules air liner, with Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare on board, landed at Halfar Aerodrome, Malta, at 3.40 yesterday afternoon, having flown from Naples on its way to Egypt and India.—(Page 6.)

A £10,000,000 electric underground railway is to be constructed in Moscow by German firms.—(Page 5.)

The Indian National Congress concluded yesterday. The next meeting will be held in Madras.—(Page 6.)

SPORTING.

At Cheltenham yesterday Corazon won the Cheltenham Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase.—(Page 8.)

FINANCIAL.

London Stock Markets were generally firm, but business was on a small scale. Tobacco Shares were a good feature.—(Page 9.)

There was again a strong demand for loans into the new year at 4½ per cent., and a further large sum was borrowed from the Bank of England. Day-to-day loans were offered at 3½ per cent. down to 3 per cent.—(Page 9.)

In Dublin the market fluctuated. Guinness Shares rose to 58, but Courtaulds reacted.—(Page 9.)

The Powers and China.

The British Government's appeal for co-operation among the Powers on a new Chinese programme has been received cordially by Belgium and Italy, and favourably by the United States. American newspapers admit the wisdom of the British proposals, although some of them hint that no brand of political idealism can be genuine which is not manufactured at Washington. Two important Powers, however, dislike the appeal and make no secret of their views. The French Government, ignoring the Powers' utter failure in recent years to reach any sort of agreement on Chinese affairs, rebukes England's refusal to accept the *fait non-accompli*. It deprecates any attempt to "interfere in the domestic policy of China"—thus putting a wholly false interpretation on the British proposals—and it announces France's purpose to maintain a policy of inaction. "For the moment she does not intend to depart from the attitude of observation and expectation." In a word, France is not prepared to recognise the Chinese people's new claims to national independence or to make the financial sacrifices which England regards as not merely expedient, but inevitable. Japan rejects the British appeal for the plain reason that it runs counter to her whole policy in China. She is backing the Northern War Lords with money and arms against the Cantonese Republic, and the British policy demands a strict indifference between the contending forces. If the Powers should adopt it, they would admit alike Chang Tso-lin's title to collect taxes and surtaxes in the North and Canton's title to collect them in the South. Japan will make no such concession to her partner's enemy.

There is no truth in the French suggestion that the British proposals represent a breach of faith with the other Powers and have fallen upon them as a bombshell. A year ago, at the Tariff Conference in Peking, all the Powers, save Great Britain, desired that the Chinese Government's right to levy the surtaxes should be subject to two conditions. These were that the proceeds of the taxes should be controlled by the Powers for the payment of unsecured debts, and that *likin*—or internal transport dues—should be abolished. The British delegates to the Conference held that the enforcement of such conditions would be both undesirable and impracticable; and this conviction is the basis of the British Government's plan for a fresh start in China. A not less effective answer can be made to the charge, or hint, that British policy is inspired by lust of diplomatic or economic influence. Of China's total external debt of £150,000,000, Britain's share is £36,000,000. This great sum represents, in the main, British loans for the reorganisation of China's finances and for the construction and development of State railways. The British Government now proposes that some of the most important taxes, hitherto supervised by the Powers as security for the payment of China's debts to them, shall pass altogether into China's control. By this overture the British Government accepts the largest risk of financial loss, in the view that a reconciliation with China's rising spirit of nationhood will help her to peace and progress.

Tradition dies hard, and one American newspaper, the *Washington Post*, still finds itself able to talk of "the unctuous hypocrisy of the British memorandum." We think that, when history frames her verdict upon the parts which the various nations have played in the rebuilding of a war-broken world, Great Britain will have no cause for shame. It is not her habit to proclaim ideals; but what other country has pursued idealism more consistently, or more unselfishly during the last ten years? What other country has made a wider or more solid contribution to the peace of Europe? It was England's mediation that, more than any other influence, sealed a reluctant, but, as we may hope, sincere peace between France and Germany. Would any other country in Europe have made the political and financial concessions that have produced the Anglo-Irish settlement and have buried for ever the animosities of seven centuries? Is there another Great Power which could have made the bounds of freedom wider yet, with the same generous faith that British statesmanship revealed at the Imperial Conference? We see to-day that other Great Powers refuse to divest themselves of rights which England is ready to surrender for the sake of civilisation in China. To suggest that such sacrifices are the fruit of hypocrisy is absurd. To suggest that England's present hegemony among the armies of progress is the result of enlightened self-interest is, perhaps, a part of the truth, but certainly is not the whole truth. Mere self-interest could not have met so finely in the last ten years all those moments—

to which Heaven has joined
Great issues, good or bad for human kind.

The secret lies elsewhere, but the English people themselves will be the last to philosophise about it. They will be content to "carry on."

Irish Butter.

The proceedings at yesterday's congress at Mallow, held under the auspices of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society, deserve the attention of all who are interested in Ireland's economic welfare. The congress showed that the effort to bring that important phase of Irish agriculture—the dairying industry—up to date is being made seriously and by a big body of intelligent men. It is well to correct pessimism by contrasting the present state of Irish farming, backward and unsatisfactory as it is, with the condition of affairs which existed at the beginning of this century. To contrast modern Ireland with Denmark or New Zealand is to come near to despair, but to contrast its present with its own recent past is to take fresh heart. Dr. Kennedy, Secretary of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, lucidly outlined both the problem before Irish agriculture and its solution. Lands which have attacked the British market so successfully, to Ireland's loss, are free from the dead-weight of bad tradition, ignorance and apathy with which Ireland still is struggling; and, as Dr. Kennedy showed, the advantages possessed by these advanced and alert countries have enabled them to capture so big a proportion of the British butter market that to-day Ireland supplies less than 7 *per cent.* of England's butter imports. For every pound of butter which England takes from Ireland she receives three from Australia, three from New Zealand and four from Denmark. Ireland's competitors lack her advantage of proximity to England; their soil is not more fertile than hers, and their success is traceable wholly to superior human efficiency in production and organisation. Denmark markets her vast butter exports by a system of co-operative control. New Zealand and Australia offer their supplies to the British market under unified systems of direction, so that purchasers can secure huge "blocks" of standardised produce. Gluts are prevented by timely releases of consignments—possible only where a nation's exports are sent to market, not at the chaotic will of the producers, but as expert knowledge directs. Ireland must evolve a unified export system. If North and South cannot yet be induced to act together in this matter of common interest, there must be unified systems for the Free State and Northern Ireland. A co-operative or State bureau, given the control of the volume of produce, will be able to secure the best services of the transport company to which the contract for carriage is entrusted. It will be able, furthermore, to address supplies to the right market at the most advantageous moment. Dr. Kennedy hinted at a scheme of this sort which is ready for submission to the creameries. We hope that no foolish and obsolete individualism will stand in the way of the adoption of a co-operative or State system of marketing *en masse*—whereby alone Irish dairying can be put on an even footing with its competitors.

The French Census.

The results of the recent census in France are causing grave concern to all thoughtful Frenchmen. Despite the well-organised efforts that have been made to increase the birth-rate since the war, the native population has grown by only 500,000 during the last five years, while in Germany the birth-rate is rising rapidly every month. France's failure to add to her man-power is having most unfortunate consequences. Her present population is unable to supply the needs of agriculture and industry, with the result that foreigners must be imported every year. At present there are over one million aliens in France. Most of them are concentrated in the Maritime Alps, where they constitute a third of the total population, while they have strong colonies in the Bouches-du-Rhône, in the Moselle, in the Pas de Calais and in Paris itself. These foreigners are not migratory labourers. They are settlers in France, and their presence constitutes a political, as well as a serious racial, problem. Apart from that aspect of the case, however, the economic reactions of the stagnant birth rate are very grave. The movement from the country into the towns is stripping the agricultural land of its workers. In no fewer than thirty-one rural departments of the Centre, South and West of France the population actually has fallen since 1921, and the population of the towns has increased in proportion. Something obviously must be done to arrest this migration; for France cannot afford to import agricultural labourers indefinitely. If the national population continues to stand still, nothing can save her; for the law of the survival of the fittest applies as much to nations as to individuals. Recruitment from Italy and other countries is useless. Such an expedient must tend in the long run to dilute the pure French race, and to create a mixed breed, such as that which one finds in the Levant. France is faced with an alarming outlook in respect of her birth-rate. If she fails to solve the problem, her doom as a nation will be sealed.

Professionalism in Sport.

The invasion of the world's playing fields by the commercial spirit is exerting a very damaging effect on sport. In lawn tennis the amateur, so far as first-class players are concerned, almost has ceased to exist. Famous tennis "stars" have been known to take their orders from a firm of manufacturers, while the golfer who combines his game with commercial travelling "on the side" is becoming distressingly common. Professionalism, real and camouflaged, is ruining sport in Europe; but it seems to have completed its work in the United States. According to the President of the West Virginia Wesley University, the members of that institution's football team during the last season received on an average £100 apiece in indirect ways for their performances on the field. Inter-collegiate matches have become so popular in the United States that huge incomes are made by the universities from "gate-money." Last year no less than £4,000,000 were collected by about 300 colleges in this way. Harvard's share was £200,000, and the others profited in direct ratio to the ability of their teams. In view of this simple source of added income, the American colleges are doing their best to attract good players to their courses. It seems that a young man, fresh from school, virtually puts himself up for auction, and the college that makes the highest bid for his services as a footballer secures the honour of adding him to its list of graduates. Of course, no money changes hands; but free board and lodging, free books and free tuition are offered generously. The authorities at West Virginia have decided, at the sacrifice of a considerable yearly income, to abolish this pernicious system, and to organise the college games on a voluntary basis. They realise that the introduction of professionalism into university life is an unqualified evil; and their championship of the amateur spirit will be applauded by those who play games for the games' sake throughout the civilised world.

MEATH HUNT BALL.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

The Meath Hunt ball was held in Dunsany Castle last night. It was a brilliant and successful function, in every respect worthy of the best traditions of former reunions of the famous hunt. The organisation was perfect, and Lord Dunsany had made admirable arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the guests, who numbered about 250, and came from all parts of Meath and adjoining counties and from the City of Dublin. The ballroom was tastefully decorated and lighted, and the scene was a gay one, the charming dresses of the ladies blending well with the hunt colours—scarlet and light blue—which were prominent. The catering was efficiently done by Mills, Merrion row, Dublin, and the music was supplied by Mr. W. A. Manahan's number one band.

Dancing began at ten o'clock and was continued until the early hours of the morning. The ball was thoroughly enjoyed, and all concerned are to be congratulated on its success.

Among those present were:—Lord Holmpatrick (Joint Master) and party; Lord Fingall and party; General Smith Bingham and party; the Earl of Bective and party; the Marchioness Conyngham and party; Captain R. H. Fowler (Joint Master) and party; Miss Cameron, Captain Morton, Mr. George Fowler, Mrs. Fowler and party; Mr. Justice Wylie and party; Mrs. Baggalley (of Grange) and party; Mrs. Kennedy (Straffan) and party; Mrs. Montgomery and party; Lady Bryan Mahon, Viscountess Powerscourt, Miss Curry, Mrs. Levins Moore and party; Mr. J. Leonard (Culmullen), Mrs. Chaytor and party; Major Woods and party; Vice-Admiral Johnson and party; Captain Hornsby and party; Mr. Laidlaw and party; Mrs. Kearns, Mr. Howard Hill, Mr. Gaisford St. Lawrence and party, Lord and Lady Ardee, Mr. Geoffrey and the Hon. Mrs. Gilpin and party, Lady Weldon and party, Mr. F. Maloney, Mr. B. O'Reilly, Mr. Barton (Straffan) and party, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Shirley, Captain and Mrs. L. Naper and party (Loughcrew, Oldcastle), Captain and Mrs. De Burgh and party, Major Aylmer and party, Mr. A. Lowry and party, Mr. Woods (Balrath) and party, Major Macartney Filgate and party, Mr. Saunders and party, Mr and Mrs. Pollock, Captain D. O'M. Leahy and party, Dr. Colman Saunders, Mrs. Power (Athy) and party, Mr. L. A. Meldon, Mr. G. H. Purcell Gilpin and party, Miss Sheila Tindall, Mr. Ralph Tindall, Mrs. Mahon, Captain J. Tuthill and party, Captain De Burgh, Mrs. De Burgh, Miss Montgomery, Mr. P. T. Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard and party, Miss Gerard, General Gerard, Miss Mooney, Miss Tyrrell, Mr. R. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. T. Levins Moore and party, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Ward, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Fowler, the Hon. M. Maxwell, Captain and Mrs. Naper, Captain Hume Dudgeon, Mrs. Connell, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley, Major J. D. Barry, the Hon. Mrs. Barry, Mr. More O'Ferrall, Mr. Taaffe, Mrs. Kennedy and party, Dr. and Mrs. Saunders, Dr. Moore, Miss McVeagh, Major Victor Power, D.S.O.; Mr. A. Ormsby, Lady Weldon, Dermot McDermot, Mrs. Simmons, Captain and Mrs. Hornsby, the Rev. G. Fry, Lieutenant-Colonel Branston-Newman, Mr. Balding, Dr. C. J. Ross, Mr. Martin E. Mahony and party, Mr. P. A. Wood, Mr. R. P. B. Wood, Mr. J. Howard Hill and party, Captain and Mrs. Cairns and party, Mr. M. R. Everard, Mr. C. Elderton, Mr. H. Fitzherbert, Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Jones, Miss Watkins, Miss J. Watkins, Mr. N. H. Everard, Mrs. Everard, Mr. and Mrs. Dalgetty, Mr. B. O'Reilly and party, Mr. R. Byrne, Mr. T. D. Wardell.

TRUE FUNCTION OF EDUCATION.

SIR A. STEEL MAITLAND'S VIEW.

Sir Arthur Steel Maitland, Minister of Labour, speaking at the Educational Congress at Stirling yesterday, said that he feared that in proportion to the vastly increased sums spent nowadays on education there was not so much training of the mind as there used to be. The too utilitarian system of teaching defeated its own object. A true function of education was to stimulate in man an interest in what was going on around him.

MR. PRINGLE ON MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S OFFER.

"TORY MONEY TO SELL PARTY TO LABOUR."

Mr. W. M. R. Pringle, at the Gladstone Anniversary Dinner of the Clydebank United Liberal Association, Glasgow, last night, said that since Lord Oxford's resignation a new issue had arisen in connection with Mr. Lloyd George's offer of financial co-operation with the Liberal Party.

Good-hearted was scarcely a justified adjective for the offer when the donor had waited until the beneficiary was reduced to financial extremity. The salient fact was that Mr. Lloyd George retained control of the capital, and merely granted an annual subsidy, or dole, to the party.

In other words, an effort was being made to buy the party with Tory money in order to sell it to Labour.

Such an effort could not succeed. The machine might pass into the hands of a purchaser for a time, but the party would remain free.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA MEMORIAL FUND.

The total collections from Fermanagh towards the Queen Alexandra Nursing Fund amount to £404 5s. 7d. The Lord Mayor of Belfast, in returning thanks to the county, says:—"County Fermanagh has, indeed, done excellently. I am very pleased with the results of the county's efforts, and I congratulate you all most heartily."

On and after Saturday next the Dublin United Tramways Company will issue cheap tickets on their cars running between Nelson Pillar and Howth, and Nelson Pillar and Dalkey in each direction. The return fare in each case will be eightpence.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The Prince of Wales will return to London next Monday from Melton Mowbray. He may accompany the Duke of York to Windsor for a day's pheasant shooting in the Great Park, where birds are very numerous this season.

The Duke and Duchess of York are busily engaged with the final preparations for their departure on January 6th. It was feared at first that the Earl of Cavan's hunting accident might prevent him from accompanying Their Royal Highnesses on their trip; but his satisfactory progress has relieved all anxiety, and he hopes to be able to carry out his duties as Chief of Staff during the tour.

The Spanish Ambassador and the Marquesa Merry del Val will return to London to-morrow from Sandbeck Park, Rotherham, where they spent Christmas with the Earl and Countess of Scarborough. The Norwegian Minister and Madame Vogt are in Norway, and will not return to London till the beginning of February. Madame and Mdlle. de Marees Van Swinderen, the wife and daughter of the Minister for the Netherlands, will return to London next Monday.

The Earl and Countess of Bessborough and their family will be in residence at Stansted Park, Emsworth, till the end of January. The Hon. John Bingham who spent Christmas with Lord and Lady Clanmorris at Bostock Hall, Middlewick, will make a short stay with the Dowager Lady Clanmorris at Bangor Castle before he joins the Marquis of Dufferin's shooting party at Clandeboye. Captain the Hon. William and Mrs. Stourton have joined Lord and Lady Mowbray and Stourton's family party at Allerton Hall, Knaresborough.

The Earl and Countess of Lucan and Lady Barbara Bingham were among Colonel and the Hon. Mrs. Spender Clay's Christmas party at Ford Manor, Surrey. Lord Illingworth, Sir West Ridgeway, Sir John and Lady Ellerman, Sir H. and Lady Renwick, Sir Charles Davidson and Sir Alfred and Lady Yarrow spent Christmas at Brighton.

Lord Rathdonnell, who has been for a cruise to the West Indies, is expected to return to England on January 8th. The Hon. Brinsley Sheridan Plunket has arrived at Kingstown from England. Viscount Chelsea and his sisters, Lady Beatrix and Lady Alexandra Cadogan, are taking part in the winter sports at St. Moritz.

The Hon. Sir Philip J. MacDonell, the new Chief Justice of the Colony of Trinidad and Tobago, is the son of the late Mr. James MacDonell, who was associated with *The Times* for many years. After a distinguished career at Oxford Sir Philip acted as war correspondent for *The Times* during the South African war, and later entered the legal profession in the Transvaal. He held many important posts, and was appointed Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia in 1918. He was knighted in 1925.

The engagement is announced between Frederick Charles, second youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gillespie, of Belmont, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, and Hilda Jane, only surviving child of the late T. W. Smyth, M.D., L.R.C.S., and Mrs. Smyth, of Roseville, Enniskean, Co. Cork.

Dr. Preston Ball has left town for nine days.

Dr. Francis A. Winder, who has been ill since 17th December, is still unable to see his patients.

Lady Chance has very kindly consented to act as hostess at the Zoo Cinderella Dance to be held to-night at Clery's Imperial Ballroom

"Just as though Nature herself had placed it there!" is an oft-repeated description of the "Eugène" Permanent Wave—the method practised at Switzers Ladies' Hairdressing Salons. For appointments 'phone "Dublin 4651."

Ciro Pearls alone reproduce with absolute fidelity all the rare beauty of real pearls. A remarkable choice is to be seen at the Ciro Pearl Salon, Switzers.

Dance Frocks for New Year Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Chancellor and Son for New Year's Gifts.

Lunch and Dine at Restaurant at Royal Hibernian Hotel.

Mathieson, Dawson street—Reductions in all departments from January 1st, 1927.

In order to keep our workers employed at this season, we are making tailored suits for 5½ gns.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals.—T. A. Jackson, Mrs. S. L. Leslie, E. C. Proctor, the Earl of Westmeath, Robert Eason, the Hon. Brinsley Plunket, E. Tadpole.

Departures.—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hardy, Miss Margaret Wills, G. O. Cooper, T. Quinton Dunlop, Ralph R. Smyth, C. E. Eccles, J. McCarthy, Dr. Hylda Whelan, N. R. H. Clifford, Richard Goodbody, R. Tynon, Major J. Roche, W. B. Smith, E. More O'Ferrall, Robert Bourke, Dr. H. O. Ferguson, T. M. Irwin.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney's Great Annual Winter Sale commences to-day. Write for Sale List.

Furniture Stored in the only Fire-proof Depository in Ireland. Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Extensive collection of exclusive Jumper Suits in many beautiful materials. All very moderately priced. Marleen, 114 Stephen's Gn.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lower Baggot st. Mourning Orders executed on the shortest notice. Prices strictly moderate. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

THE DEAN'S SECRET.

FATE OF THE MOTHERLESS TWINS.

Addressing an old people's gathering at Durham last night the Dean of Durham (Bishop Welldon) told the women present that he had a secret to unfold.

The secret, he said, is that I have twins; they are not my twins, but someone else's. Their father is a miner out of work, and their poor mother is dead. A young clergyman came to me and asked, "What is to be done with the twins." I replied, "I do not know much about feeding twins myself. I think you pinch their noses in order to make them drink their milk." However, we have put them into the babies' hospital, and there they are. They are getting so much milk that they are swelling visibly. I assure you they have never before had such a Christmas.

They are nearly ten weeks old, and I wish one of you ladies, instead of laughing at me, would tell me what I am to do with them. I cannot turn them out, and I cannot keep them, so I hope that their father will soon get back to work. That is my secret, and if any of you tell it I hope that you will have twins, too. (Laughter.)

THE MARQUIS OF READING

APPOINTED CAPTAIN OF DEAL CASTLE.

Field-Marshal Viscount Allenby having resigned the Captaincy of Deal Castle, the Marquis of Reading has been appointed his successor by the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports (Earl Beauchamp).

JUBILEE NURSES' FUND DANCE.

The gala dance held in aid of the Jubilee Nurses' Fund in the Winter Gardens, Theatre Royal, Dublin, last night, was attended by over two hundred people.

The Winter Gardens ballroom, recently re-decorated and renovated, was prettily illuminated with hundreds of coloured lights. The company playing "Our Cabaret" at the Theatre Royal this week gave some excellent numbers, which were heartily appreciated by those present. The No. 1 Elysian Dance Band supplied the music to the dancing.

The new floor was in excellent condition, and altogether a very enjoyable night was spent.

Among those present were: — Mr. D. Telford and party; Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, Major and Mrs. Messervy; Major Roy Cusack and party; Mr. Deputy-Commissioner Coogan and party; Mr. and Mrs. Robertson; Captain and Mrs. Ennis and party; Mr. and Mrs. C. Jones; Mr. Jones (junior) and Miss Jones; Mr. T. Molloy; Mr. T. Robinson; Mr. P. Delany and party; Mr. and Mrs. T. Rogers; Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Byrne; Mr. J. Mulligan and party; Mr. J. Mannix; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Cunningham.

OBITUARY.

LORD LYVEDEN.

Courtenay Percy Robert Vernon, third Baron Lyveden, lieutenant-commander in the Royal Naval Reserve (Transport Service), and a well-known actor, died in his sixty-ninth year on Christmas Day in London. Lord Lyveden was the son of the Rev. and Hon. Courtenay John Vernon and Alice Gertrude, daughter of the late Rev. M. Fitzgerald S. Townshend, and he succeeded his uncle, the second Baron, in 1900.

Lord Lyveden had had a somewhat varied career. He had served as a purser in the mercantile marine, and for some years had been captain in the Royal Lanark Militia. His connection with the stage began in 1882, and he was known generally in the provinces, and occasionally in London, as a player principally of elderly men's parts. His last appearance in London was made during the summer of this year in "Cock o' the Roost" at the Garrick Theatre. He served throughout the European War (1914-1918), and was President of the British Committee for the Study of Foreign Municipal Institutions.

Lord Lyveden married, in 1890, Fanny Zelie, daughter of Major Hill, of Wollaston Hall, Willingborough, by whom he had one son and one daughter. She died in 1924, and last year he married Mrs. Ada Springate, an actress, whose stage name is Miss Lynda Martell. Lady Lyveden, unaware of her husband's death, was playing the part of one of the Ugly Sisters in the pantomime of "Cinderella" at Cardiff on Monday night. On Tuesday morning she learned of Lord Lyveden's death, but took her part in the pantomime at both the matinée and evening performances, leaving afterwards to attend her late husband's funeral.

Lord Lyveden is succeeded in the title by his son, the Hon. Robert Fitzpatrick Courtenay Vernon.

THE REV. JOHN G. O'REILLY.

The Rev. John G. O'Reilly, Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral parish, one of the most widely-known and popular priests in Dublin, died yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, after an operation for an internal complaint, which attacked him suddenly on Sunday last.

The unexpected news came with a painful shock to Dublin, for Father O'Reilly was attending to his duties in the usual way throughout the Christmas ceremonies at the Pro-Cathedral, and no one looked to be further away from death. His loss is mourned not only in his own parish, but by the general citizens of his native Dublin, Protestant as well as Roman Catholic. Everyone seems to have known Father O'Reilly, and all liked him.

He was born in Townsend street fifty-five years ago, the son of the late Alderman Gerald O'Reilly, a former Lord Mayor. He was educated at Castleknock College and Maynooth, and was ordained priest in 1898. For a few years he served as curate in Blackrock parish; and twenty-six years ago he came to the Pro-Cathedral, where he was curate for twenty-four years, and Administrator since 1924.

The poor parish in which he spent his life was a perfect field of labour for a priest of the natural disposition of Father O'Reilly. He was a big-hearted man, and he looked it. There was not a small thought in his being. He was genial, jolly, and was welcome everywhere. The stories of his simplicity of character and greatness of heart, numerous as they are, convey only an idea of what the man was. It would be a commonplace to say that he was charitable; for he actually gave away everything that he had, with no reserving thought against imposition. He knew the hunger, physical and mental, of his poor parishioners in the tenements, and he did more than a man's part to relieve both. For many years the name of Father O'Reilly will be dear to the people of the slums in the Pro-Cathedral parish.

MAJOR STUART WORTLEY.

The Times announces the death of Major Rothesay Stuart Wortley, M.C., which took place on Wednesday in the South of France, at Maison Blanche Vence.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

LICENCE FOR TROUT-RODS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Many fishermen have written lately to your paper, criticising the suggested annual tax of 5s. *per* rod. Unfortunately, most of these criticisms have been destructive; there are arguments for, and against, this tax. If we, as fishermen, could get an assurance that the money so levied would be definitely invested in the construction of trout hatcheries, run on scientific lines, in certain approved areas in Southern Ireland, I am sure that most of the objections would instantly cease.

This system of hatcheries was adopted about sixty years ago in New Zealand. At that time they had no game fish in the country, and now their inland fisheries are worth about three and a half millions *per annum*. They found that the fining of poachers was a farce; so they adopted the principle of jailing the offenders. It worked like a charm, and poaching ceased. When licences are issued everyone has to sign a declaration stating that he will do everything he can to help the preservation of trout and salmon, and will report any breach of the fishing laws that may come under his notice.

I am satisfied that, if the Irish Board of Fisheries adopted these rules and started a system of propaganda among the fishermen of the country, appealing for their assistance, the fishing in Ireland in a few years would be so good that it would add very considerably to our revenue. Also many good sportsmen from other countries would come to get their share of the fun.—Yours, etc.,
HERBERT PHILLIPSON.
1 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin,
December 29th, 1926.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—As a keen angler, I am much in favour of imposing the 5s. licence on trout-fishing, if it is to be expended in protecting our trout streams from the thoroughly unsportsmanlike poaching which is rife in our countryside. The true sportsman allows an equal chance to the quarry, whether fin or fur; and such sport does not debase as ruthless slaughter does. The poorest cottager can, and does, pay licence for one or even two dogs. The trout licence is paid for in the valuable and beautiful fish of our rivers—often in one day's fishing, where the fishing is even "average good."

Surely it is high time to protect our rivers, etc., and to give the honest angler a chance. A properly protected river or stream or lake gives months of splendid pastime to every decent angler. All this is spoiled, however, and the fish decimated by the sordid methods of poaching now prevalent in our land. If our trout rivers were properly protected, they would in time attract thousands of visitors to our country, as the trout-fishing in England now means a £1 licence *per* rod *per annum*, and is then generally unattainable unless, in addition to this, you become a subscriber to some fishing club or are fortunate enough to obtain "occasional permission" to fish for trout in some preserved stream. For the above reasons I sincerely trust that the licence will be imposed.—Yours, etc.,
"TROUT ANGLER."
Co. Meath, December 29th, 1926.

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Red Riding Hood," 2 and 7.30.
Theatre Royal—"Slumberland," 2.30 p.m.; "Our Cabaret," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Jack and the Beanstalk," 7 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Robinson Crusoe," 6.45 and 9.
Abbey Theatre—"Juno and the Paycock," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—"The Dixies," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"The Blue Danube," 2.45, 4.55, 7.5, and 9.15 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Man Who Found Himself," 4.15, 6.45, and 9.10 p.m.
Grafton Cinema—"The Cohen's and Kelly's."
Grand Central Cinema—"Seven Keys to Baldpate," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Pavilion Cinema, Dun Laoghaire—"Human Sparrows," 3.15, 6 and 8.45 p.m.
Corinthian—"The Black Pirate," 2.30, 4.30, 6.30, and 8.30.
The Carlton—"The Unguarded Hour."
The Sackville—"Soul Mates," 7 and 9.15 p.m.
Royal Dublin Society Juvenile Lecture, 4 p.m.
Dublin Port and Docks Board, 1 p.m.

REPARATION COMMISSION.

It is officially announced that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. W. A. C. Goodchild, an assistant secretary in the Scottish Office, as British Secretary and Assistant Delegate to the Reparation Commission, in place of Sir Basil Kemball Cook, who has resigned.

DEATH.

IRVINE—December 30, 1926, at Mercer's Hospital, Charles P. Irvine, Irish Land Commission, second youngest son of the late Michael J. Irvine, Drumcondra and Dun Laoghaire. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin from St. Teresa's, Clarendon street, on to-morrow (Friday) after 9.30 Mass.

LONDON LETTER.

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

It is understood that the British Government has received no replies of an official character from the Powers regarding the memorandum addressed to them on a policy in China. In diplomatic circles, however, the opinion is that the memorandum has been generally well received, particularly in Italy, Belgium and the United States, but that the attitude of France is one of great reserve and that of Japan one of careful criticism. It will be some days, it is thought, before definite replies are received.

Talking to New York.

If the present good results continue in connection with the wireless telephone service between London and New York, an earlier start will be made than was expected, and the service may be in operation some time during the next fortnight. Mr. H. Shaughnessy, the Assistant Engineer-in-Chief at the G.P.O., who is responsible for the work, explained to-day some of the many difficult telephonic problems that have had to be overcome. It is interesting to note that a voice using the new system across the Atlantic will have to be filtered through a special indicating apparatus at the traffic exchange in London. Should the subscriber speak too softly, the volume of sound is increased, the idea being to ensure that the wireless transmitter at Rugby shall work at full and proper efficiency. If the voice of a speaker should be too loud, it would overload the transmitter and throw out the circuit-breakers, thus temporarily stopping the work of the station. The Secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce to-day said that the service was welcomed as a great experiment of national importance; for anything that improves the facilities of communication between countries is of immense importance to business men.

Poor Law Reform.

A conference is to be held in London early in the new year to consider the proposals of the Minister of Health for poor law reform, and the L.C.C. has invited representatives from the City Corporation and from all the London Borough Councils. This conference will be preliminary to the bill which Mr. Neville Chamberlain hopes to introduce in the course of next session; but it has yet to pass the Cabinet. The majority of that body is disposed to agree that changes in the poor law are desirable in themselves, though several Ministers question whether the time is propitious for reform which will mean the upsetting of the whole system of local government. Mr. Chamberlain's proposals suggest that Boards of Guardians should be abolished, and their functions transferred to County Councils. All public services for which grants are now made in preparation of the expenditure would be placed on a block grant system, so that the Government would be able to calculate in advance the exact amount required for public health relief and education.

An American Invasion.

Shipping men from the United States now in London think that the coming year will see the greatest Eastward-bound traffic across the Atlantic that the liners have handled since they brought over the United States troops towards the close of the war. The United States is overflowing with money, and the great idea of the average well-to-do citizen is to spend some of his surplus cash in touring Europe. Considerable preparations are to be made in London to cope with the expected influx of visitors, and it is hoped that the preparations will not be in vain. In Germany also the United States invasion is being looked forward to with considerable interest, and efforts will be made to secure a share of the traffic.

An Actor Peer.

The late Lord Lyveden, who has just passed away, had a life of strange adventure and experiences that fall to few British peers. In turn a soldier, sailor, steward, purser, nurseryman, waiter, and actor, he had seen all sides of life. In the last-named profession the late Lord Lyveden belonged to a small number of noblemen who have made the stage their profession, such as Lord Cowley and Lord Rosslyn, who, however, has not acted for many years.

Canadian Immigrants.

Canada's call for fourteen thousand farm workers, issued to-day by the Government at Ottawa, probably will meet with a hearty response on this side of the Atlantic; for, according to Mr. Bruce Walker, the director of European emigration in London for the Dominion, the Government undertakes to place ten thousand men on farms and will be responsible for their after care, while the other four thousand will go out under railway auspices, and will be placed on farms by the railway organisations. All the men selected will have to be British, and they will be required to sign an undertaking to take up farm work.

London's Growth.

London is becoming so immense, while the cost of land in the outer suburbs still shows a tendency to rise, that a number of factories are to be taken to the Midland counties and the North of England. It is almost impossible to secure satisfactory sites for factories in or near London, particularly should a building suitable for the manufacture of certain goods be required. It appears that a number of factories were built at a very high cost during the war, and the owners are unable to realise that they cannot secure the rent to which their expenditure entitles them. Many industrial firms are anxious to come to London because of the excellent transport facilities in a great distributing centre; but business men have to consider other things besides transport, and so they are looking elsewhere.

Christmas Traffic.

"Record" figures for traffic during the Christmas season were announced by the Underground Railway to-day. Once again all "records" have been broken; for on Saturday, December 18th, no fewer than 5,647,732 passengers were dealt with. On Christmas Eve over 5,500,000 were carried in the vehicles of the combine, a quarter of a million more than on the previous Christmas Eve. Boxing Day also furnished another "record"; for over 3,000,000 passengers were carried, an advance of 200,000 as compared with last year. It is probable that there will be further "records" during the present week; for the traffic has been abnormally heavy every day both on the tubes and the omnibuses.

The French Census.

The figures of the French census, just published, show that the population has increased since 1921 in 59 of the 90 departments—a larger number than for many years past—but in the majority of cases the increase is due to an influx of foreigners; for there are nearly a million more foreign residents in France than there were five years ago. Nevertheless, although a foreign population of two and a half millions is large, it is smaller than many people estimated. The department with the largest proportion of foreign inhabitants is, as it always has been, Alpes-Maritimes—the Riviera—where they are nearly a third of the total population. Although Paris proper has a smaller population by 35,000 than in 1921, "Greater Paris" continues to grow, and—including the suburbs in Seine-et-Oise—is now not far off five millions.

NEW POLICY IN CHINA.

RECEPTION OF THE BRITISH NOTE.

POOR RESPONSE.

FRANCE ON THE FENCE.

BID FOR SHANGHAI

THE recent British memorandum on the Chinese situation has been received "coldly and almost resentfully" by the Chinese Nationalists.

It is reported (says *The Times* Hankow Correspondent) that the Nationalists are extremely displeased with it and are likely to refuse to take part in any discussion on the basis of the Note.

It is stated that they demand complete Customs autonomy, with the abolition of the unilateral treaties as a minimum.

The Peking *Chenpao*, referring to the statement that Great Britain has not taken part in the civil strife in China, declares that nine out of ten civil wars in China are backed or instigated by foreigners.

The Shanghai *Shishih Shunpao* says that the British proposals to increase the surtaxes and revise the present treaties are merely farcical and intended to deceive.

The reception of the British Memorandum by the Chinese newspapers in Shanghai is disappointing: most of them have not yet made any comment. The *China Times*, in an article which can only be described as insulting, says that the British intention is to pave the way for a new form of aggression; the Chinese people mean to have everything, and will have nothing to do with concessions or conditions of any kind.

SURTAXES AND A LOAN.

According to a telegram from a Japanese source in Peking, received in Shanghai, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has issued a statement, in which it is declared that the surtaxes decided on at the Washington Conference shall be enforced in all open ports throughout the country.

The telegram adds that the Minister of Finance contemplates the issue of a loan of 100,000,000 dollars, on the security of these additional Customs dues.

THE FRENCH VIEW.

The French Government's "wait and see" policy, in reply to the British Memorandum on China, is supported by the Paris Press. The *Temps* writes that the wisest course for the Powers to pursue is to let the Chinese settle their domestic quarrels themselves, while watching over the security and interests of foreigners in China.

The *Temps* and the *Journal des Débats* deduce from the British Government's publication of the Memorandum, simultaneously with its communication to the Powers, that Great Britain has not given up hope of a collective declaration on the Chinese question.

BID FOR SHANGHAI.

NORTHERN ARMY OF 100,000.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
SHANGHAI, Wednesday.

More than a hundred thousand Northern troops are now massed within a radius of a hundred miles of Shanghai, with more than a dozen Chinese naval craft patrolling the waterfront, for the purpose of preventing the capture of Shanghai by the Southern forces.

The Southern troops, advancing to Shanghai from both the South and West, are now facing the Northerners in the vicinity of Hangchow, a hundred miles southward of Shanghai, with fighting momentarily expected.

100,000 TROOPS.

In addition to the warlike activities in the Shanghai region, reports from Peking to-night state that Marshal Chang Tso-lin has ordered a hundred thousand Feng Tien troops to move southward along the Peking-Hankow railway for the purpose of preventing the Southern occupation of Honan Province, which is considered the key to the Northern position, as the Southern control of Honan would menace Peking and force Marshal Chang Tso-lin's return to Manchuria.

The Nationalist Press declares that foreign support is being given to the Feng Tien Party, and states that Marshal Chang Tso-Lin's programme, pledging the Treaty observance, the recognition of foreign debts, and the suppression of the strikes, was dictated by imperialistic and capitalistic Powers for the purpose of further enslaving the Chinese people through defeat of the Nationalist movement.

LEADERS DISMISSED.

Japanese reports from Peking state that Marshal Chang Tso Lin has dismissed and courtmartialled Yang Yu Ting and Cheng Chiu, two of the most important civilian leaders of the Feng Tien Party, owing to their opposition to Marshal Chang Tso-Lin's war preparations against the South.

Four divisions of Northern troops stationed in the Shanghai district have rebelled and have joined the Southern forces. This lends colour to the belief that the Northern militarists are unable to control their men owing to the Southern propaganda among the troops.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin is making a strong appeal to the Powers on the grounds that it is necessary that the Powers should support him against the Cantonese Bolsheviks.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
SHANGHAI, Wednesday.

Letters from Hangchow state that there is a strong concentration of Sun Chuan-Fang's troops going on, which would indicate that measures are in preparation for immediate action against the Cantonese forces advancing down the Chien-tang-Tsientang River from Kiangsi.

Vigorous measures continue to be taken against the agitators in the Shanghai area. It is clear that Sun Chuan-Fang by no means regards himself as finished. If he can stem the tide of Cantonese propaganda, his chances in the field would appear to be good, as the Southern invaders of Chekiang, though numerous, do not appear to be very formidable.

LORD CREWE SEES M. BRIAND.

PARIS, Wednesday.

M. Briand received the Marquis of Crewe, the British Ambassador here, this afternoon.—(Reuter.)

GERMAN-ITALIAN TREATY.

ARBITRATION IN ALL DISPUTES.

SIGNED YESTERDAY IN ROME.

A treaty of conciliation and arbitration was signed at Rome yesterday afternoon by Signor Mussolini and Herr Newrath, the German Ambassador.

It took its final shape at Geneva, when the Council of the League of Nations was in session at Geneva, and provides for arbitration in all disputes which may arise between the two countries.

MAIN PROVISIONS.

CONCILIATION BOARD OF FIVE.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

The text of the Germano-Italian Arbitration Treaty is published to-night. It provides that all disputes which arise between the two countries, and which cannot be settled through the ordinary diplomatic channels, must be submitted to an arbitration committee of five—namely, one German, one Italian, three neutrals not living in Germany or Italy, and who are not now, and never have been, in the service of one of the two countries.

The committee will have to examine disputes, draft its proposals, and submit a report to the Governments. The committee's report, however, will not be binding on the signatory Powers, who must accept or reject it, giving their reasons, within three months.

In the case of rejection, the dispute will have to be brought either before a judicial arbitration court or the International Court at The Hague. The findings of the arbitration court, or of the International Court, must be loyally carried out by both parties. Pending the settlement of a dispute the signatories are bound not to take the matter into their own hands.

The treaty also applies in cases where a third Power is involved in the dispute, but does not apply whenever rights and obligations resulting from the Locarno Treaty are concerned.

The present treaty does not impinge upon the rights and duties of the signatories as members of the League of Nations.

The duration of the treaty is for ten years, and it will continue indefinitely unless six months' notice is given prior to the expiry of the first ten years' term, or every succeeding five years' term.—(Renter.)

WORK TO RESTORE WORLD'S SANITY.

AN ANGLO-AMERICAN ACCORD WANTED.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Wednesday.

In his first public address in the United States, Mr. Bruce, the Australian Prime Minister, took as his keynote the urgent necessity for the closest co-operation between the United States and the British Empire.

Addressing an afternoon gathering of the English-Speaking Union, he declared: "If Great Britain and America will work together, there is hope for mankind. If they do not, nothing mankind can devise will possibly succeed."

Reviewing the after-war conditions in Europe, Mr. Bruce painted a gloomy picture, and told his audience that, despite the sacrifices of the war, he felt that the great ideals for which they fought had so far shown little sign of realisation.

There, however, was a silver lining to the dark clouds overhanging civilisation, and that was a better understanding between the English-speaking races and nations.

He urged Americans to rid their minds of the conception of an old and crusted Empire founded upon conquest and oppression, and antagonistic to democratic progress, and to substitute a picture of a Commonwealth of free nations, animated by the same spirit which permeated the United States.

Mr. Bruce then proceeded to give details of the great efforts made by Great Britain during the past few years to secure improved relations with the United States. He declared that Great Britain was the first to pay her debts, the first to accept the invitation to the Disarmament Conference, and that she had even gladly accepted the abolition of the three-mile limit.

He declared that it was in this spirit of co-operation that the two greatest nations of the world should work together to restore sanity to the rest of the world.

20,000 DEAD IN SEVEN MONTHS' SIEGE.

500 VICTIMS A DAY FROM STARVATION.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
SHANGHAI, December 29.

According to despatches dated November 29, which have just been received here, most pathetic scenes were witnessed when the relieving force of Feng Yu Hsiang, the so-called Christian General, who is now in close relations with the Southern or Cantonese Government, routed the army commanded by one of Marshal Wu Pei Fu's generals that had for seven months been besieging Sianfu, the capital of the Western Province of Shensi, thus raising the long siege.

Thousands of people streamed to the gates of the city and received the cartloads of food sent in with tears of joy streaming down their faces.

For more than a month people had been dying of starvation and cold at the rate of 500 daily, the day's figure occasionally exceeding 1,000 when the weather was unusually severe.

Very conservative estimates put the deaths during the siege at between 15,000 and 20,000.

On the top of all the trade losses, the merchants and people had to provide the military authorities with over 2,000,000 dollars.

Though several houses of foreigners were hit by shells and riddled by bullets, no casualties among foreigners are reported, though many had very narrow escapes.

BRIGHTER OUTLOOK IN LINEN TRADE.

BELFAST MILLS TO BE REOPENED.

FROM OUR BELFAST CORRESPONDENT.

The outlook in the Belfast linen industry is much brighter now than it has been for a considerable time, and early in the new year several large spinning mills in Belfast and district, which have been closed for many months, are to resume operations. One of these is the spinning mill of the Brookfield Linen Company on the Crumlin road, in which operations have been suspended for the past twelve months. The mill will be reopened on Monday next, and, although it is not anticipated that all the spindles will be brought into immediate use, it is expected that several hundred hands will be re-engaged.

There has been a steady improvement in the linen industry during the past few months, and this has been reflected in the unemployment figures.

ADVERTISING PAYS.

The extensive advertising campaign in the United States has led to a greater demand for Irish linen damask goods. American fashions are changing, and paper napkins and table sets are being replaced by full-sized damask table coverings. Rich Americans are setting the fashion in these better-class linen goods, and other people are following their example.

The large hotel and steamship companies which, during the war, got into the habit of purchasing cotton damask table linen have found by experience that the linen damask, although a little more expensive, is cheaper in the end, by reason of its greater durability and better finish. Consequently they are making inquiries among Belfast houses for real linen damasks.

DOMINION ORDERS.

Other factors in the increased demand for Irish linen have been the stabilisation of the Belgian exchange and the improvement in the French franc.

These factors have enabled the Irish linen industry to compete in American and other markets upon more even terms.

A feature of the Belfast linen industry in recent months has been the increased demand for linen from the British Dominions, notably Australia and South Africa. Next to the United States of America, Australia now is the largest market for linen goods of all kinds, including dress linen and household goods. The handkerchief trade also has been well maintained in America and the Dominions.

PIECE-RATE WAGES.

Our Lurgan Correspondent states that the new wage rates for persons engaged in the linen, cotton, household and piece goods trade will come into operation on Monday next. It will mean a reduction of 3½ per cent., or 9d. in the £ in all general piece rates, except those for punch hemstitching, which will remain as they are. The new rates will affect at least 3,000 operators in the Lurgan district, and will involve 28 factories. Our Correspondent adds that the prospects in the handkerchief trade are bright, and that a good season's work is expected.

FIRE ENGINE'S FALL FROM BRIDGE.

MAN KILLED AND TWO INJURED.

Superintendent Beckwith was killed, Inspector Rushby and Fireman Rogers were injured severely, and two other firemen were slightly injured yesterday when the Stockport Fire Brigade's motor engine skidded, carried away portion of a bridge across the Mersey and falling a distance of 25 feet, overturned and pinned several men beneath it.

The Brigade had been summoned to a fire at half-past four o'clock in the morning. The motor engine was running from the lower part of the town towards the Mersey bridge, when it dashed against the parapet. Inspector Farries and several of the firemen jumped off before the engine forced its way through the stone parapet. It fell just beside the river.

RETIRING NEXT WEEK.

Ambulances from the Fire Brigade station were hurried to the spot, and Superintendent Beckwith was found dead beneath the wreckage of the engine. His neck had been broken. Inspector Rushby was injured about the head, and Fireman Rogers had both legs hurt. The two were taken to the infirmary. The firemen who jumped from the engine escaped with a severe shaking.

Superintendent Beckwith had been many years connected with the Fire Brigade, and for 26 years he had been superintendent. Next week he would have retired on pension. The Superintendent had received the King's Medal.

On inquiry at Stockport Infirmary yesterday afternoon it was stated that Inspector Rushby and Fireman Rogers remain in a serious condition. Superintendent Beckwith leaves a widow, but no family.

INSPECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

Inspector Farries said:—"When we received the report of fire we turned out with the fire engine, which is a motor of six tons. Inspector Rushby was driving, and Superintendent Beckwith, himself, and five firemen were on it. It was a very dark morning, and the roads were greasy. When passing up Wellington road the machine seemed to swerve. At any rate, I noticed that the engine was slipping on the footpath, and, although I thought she would recover, I jumped off, followed by Boardman, James and Burgess.

"She continued to slip, toppled over the parapet, and went down in the street below. I at once ran to the fire station, turned out every man I could get and sent them to the scene of the accident. I then answered another call which had come, and I went to that fire with another engine."

CYCLONE HAVOC IN VALENCIA.

ORANGE GROVES RUINED.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BARCELONA, Wednesday.

The damage caused by the recent cyclone in the region of Valencia is calculated at about 10,000,000 pesetas. The losses in the orange groves are enormous. There has been no news for three days from the Islands of Columbretes. It is feared that the inhabitants are victims of the violence of the cyclone.

The weather was distinctly warmer in Paris yesterday, although it remains bitterly cold in the East, centre, and South of France.

MARKETING OF IRISH BUTTER.

COMBINED SALES.

ENSURING CONTINUITY OF SUPPLY.

Speaking on the marketing of Irish butter at the annual Congress of Cow-Testing Associations in Mallow yesterday, Dr. Henry Kennedy, Secretary of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society, stated that Irish exports represented somewhat less than seven per cent. of the whole butter imported into Britain; Australia about 20 per cent., New Zealand 21, and Denmark 28. Even to hold their own it was essential that their organisation should be as perfect as that of their competitors. The commercial organisation of the industry depended on production, transport and marketing. In the matter of production, no one could help more than the producer himself by supplying clean milk.

As to transport and marketing, Dr. Kennedy briefly outlined the organisation in competing countries, particularly in Denmark and New Zealand. The present market position of Danish butter, he said, represented 40 years of excellent business. Importers of New Zealand butter could deal in big blocks of that product, and, through grading, these blocks represented uniform supplies. Gluts of Australasian butter were prevented by a system of unified control and orderly marketing. These features of early marketing were present in the Siberian butter organisation. The same was true of Finland, Sweden, Esthonia, Latvia, and the Argentine.

WRONG TRANSPORT.

The recent slump in butter prices had caused people to think on the organisation in Ireland. Their transport was wrong. He was informed that Irish butter reached London last summer at a temperature of 70 degrees. How were they to remedy this? There was no use in asking for proper transport facilities while any creamery could send butter from any station in Ireland to any destination in Britain by any route. It was, however, reasonable to ask for such facilities if the traffic in commodities was directed by given routes to given destinations, and when the transport company could be assured of the bulk of the traffic. When they were in a position to make such a demand—and that time was near—it must be complied with.

With regard to marketing, his organisation, after discussions with the Creamery Managers' Organisation, intended shortly to put very definite proposals before the creameries, and believed that these would be universally acceptable. The combined sale, which they proposed, would ensure continuity in the supply of Irish butter, and enable importers and merchants to deal with big blocks of Irish butter, a thing which they could not do in the past.

[A report of the Congress will be found on page 6.]

STREET SCENE IN LIMERICK.

DETECTIVE FIRED AT.

A shooting affair occurred in the streets of Limerick on Tuesday night, when Detective Macnamara, while stopping a brawl in Denmark street, was shot at by a man in the crowd.

Detective Macnamara, a married man, was going to his lodgings, at 11.30 p.m., and when passing through William street saw a fight in progress between two gangs of men in Denmark street. He attempted to separate the men. Some of the combatants, apparently recognising him, turned on him, and he, in self-defence, drew his revolver, which, however, jammed.

A man in the crowd then drew a revolver and fired at Detective Macnamara, but missed him. The crowd immediately dispersed at the sound of the shots.

Detective Macnamara reported the occurrence and then proceeded home.

DISABLED ENGINE.

WEXFORD MAIL TRAIN DELAYED.

The mail train from Wexford to Dublin was forty minutes late in arriving at Harcourt street Station yesterday morning owing to an accident to the engine.

When nearing Dundrum Station the passengers felt a slight shock, and almost immediately the train was brought to a stand-still. It was found that one of the engine wheel tyres was damaged, and it was impossible to take the engine farther.

Another engine which was sent from Bray brought the train back to Foxrock, from which it was taken to Dublin by the engine of a train which left Bray twenty minutes after the mail.

The disabled engine was towed to Dublin, and, beyond the delay, the passengers suffered no inconvenience.

FRESH TROUBLE IN GREECE.

FEARED ARMY INTRIGUES.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
ATHENS, Wednesday.

The publication by a morning paper of the text of the protocol which is alleged to have been signed by a number of officers has put a new complexion on the military question, and the party leaders are seriously considering the situation, which is to be discussed at this evening's Cabinet Council.

The Republican leaders allege that the protocol in question was drawn up before the formation of the Coalition Government, but their anti-Venizelist colleagues take a more serious view of the situation, and recommend that immediate action should be taken against the military agitators, whose names, though unpublished, are well known.

FIRE IN AN UNDERGROUND TRAIN.

The *Daily Express* states that a heavily laden tube train proceeding to Edgware was found to be well alight at Camden Town Tube Station last night. Apparently somebody had dropped a lighted match or cigarette and under a seat, the whole seat being ignited by the fanning of the flames as the train proceeded. Railway officials were soon on the scene, and, with fire extinguishers, subdued the outbreak before much damage had been done.

POISONED DRINK.

OVER 100 VICTIMS IN NEW YORK.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Wednesday.

The list of New York holiday-makers who have died from the effects of poisoned alcoholic beverages has increased to twenty-seven, and there are more than eighty other victims in hospital, some in a critical condition.

The strictures of Dr. Norris, Public Health Officer for New York, have led the Treasury Department to adopt a new formula for denaturing alcohol in the hope of preventing bootleggers from redistilling such alcohol.

This will make denatured alcohol twice as poisonous as before, because the wood alcohol content will be increased to four per cent., but, by the addition of an oxidised kerosene, which it is almost impossible to separate from alcohol, it is hoped to make the derivatives of the new compound so nauseous as to preclude their use in beverages.—(Press Association, copyright.)

RELIEF BY AIR SPECIAL.

FOOD FOR SNOWBOUND PASSENGERS.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.
MADRID, Wednesday.

Aeroplanes are being sent by the Spanish Government to the relief of passengers who are stranded in a train on the Madrid-Albacete line, which is blocked by snow to a depth of about five feet.

Relief trains have been unable to clear the line, and have been forced to return before they, too, became fast in the snow, which is still falling so thickly that the work of rescue is becoming increasingly difficult.

The aeroplanes will start at dawn to-morrow, and will circle round the train, dropping supplies of food and other comforts for the passengers and officials of the train.

TEN MILLION TUBE IN MOSCOW.

CONTRACT FOR GERMANY.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Wednesday.

The arrangement for the construction of an electric underground railway in Moscow by German firms are now understood to be complete. The work is to be undertaken jointly by the *Allgemeine Electrizitätsgesellschaft* and the *Siemens Baunion*. The cost is estimated at some ten million pounds. Apparently, the difficulties which arose between the municipal authorities of Moscow, and the German contractors have been overcome, and negotiations have been resumed with the American syndicate which was to have financed the greater part of the undertaking, and which recently became restless at the delays and sought to withdraw.

It is understood that under the arrangement now reached the Soviet Government, the municipal authorities of Moscow, and the German electrical firms will all have an interest in the railways when completed.—(Per Press Association, copyright.)

SLAVES SET FREE.

"GOOD DEED" BY THE KHAN OF KALAT.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
DELHI, Wednesday.

The notable advances in the process of abolishing slavery in the regions adjoining India, which have recently been made in the Hukawng Valley, in Burma, and in Nepal, are now being carried further by the abolition of slavery in the State of Kalat, in Baluchistan.

The Khan of Kalat, for some time past, had been anxious to perform a good deed, and, inspired by the British political officer at his court, decided to realise his desire by liberating all the slaves in his dominions.

Some of the tribal chiefs immediately supported him, but others in the more remote parts of the State at first made objections. They soon abandoned their opposition, however, and the Khan issued a proclamation on November 4 abolishing private property in male and female slaves throughout his State.

Slaves who wish to remain with their masters may do so, but on wages. Slavery, under which families could be sold apart, has existed from very ancient times in Kalat, and its abolition is the culmination of the long-continued efforts of the Administration of Baluchistan to soften its rigours.

FRANC'S FUTURE.

WHAT FRENCH TRADE NEEDS.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
PARIS, Wednesday.

It is now four days since the *Banque de France* announced officially that it would buy or sell sterling up to any amount at the rate of 122.25 francs to the pound. Since then the rate has remained with only the slightest fluctuations at this figure.

The bank's announcement was welcomed by the business world like a shower of rain after a long drought; the tone of the Stock Market improved at once, and rates rose without exception.

This optimism has since been somewhat damped by the warning given by M. Marcel Hutin in the *Echo de Paris*, that M. Poincaré is not thinking of stabilising the franc yet awhile. M. Hutin is believed to be generally well-informed of M. Poincaré's intentions.

Whether this statement was officially inspired or not, it has weakened the hopes which had been aroused that the franc could be counted on to remain steady for a considerable period of time.

French trade certainly requires a rest from monetary fluctuations. In the course of the month various factors favourable or unfavourable to the franc will begin to make themselves felt. If the rate is maintained in spite of them it can be fairly assumed that the Prime Minister is trying to preserve a state of *de facto* stabilisation.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

OUTBREAK AT DEVIZES.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in London reports that the existence of foot-and-mouth disease has been confirmed at Devizes, Wiltshire.

The usual restrictions have been applied to an area of fifteen miles radius round the infected premises.

LORD CADOGAN'S DEBTS.

INCOME OF £48,000 A YEAR.

APPOINTMENT OF A TRUSTEE.

The Earl of Cadogan, of 33 Grosvenor street, London, was not present yesterday at the first meeting of his creditors at the London Bankruptcy Court.

Mr. Vyvyan (Official Receiver) reported that the Earl had not surrendered to the receiving order which was made on the petition of

M. Dunn, Ltd., financiers, Princess street, Hanover square, creditors for £2,895;
S. Cohen (liquidator of the Regent Trust, Ltd.), £5,145;
Allen, Foster and Co., Ltd., £647;
Antseys, Ltd., £977;
Clive Everton, Ltd., £1,665;
Lloyd, Sheldon, Ltd., £3,126;
George May and Co., Ltd., £2,105;
C. Stirling, £461;
F. S. Salaman (trustee in the Earl's 1911 bankruptcy), in respect of the balance of the unsatisfied debts under these proceedings, £30,892.

The total amount of the proofs was £47,918.

THE EARL'S WHEREABOUTS.

Mr. G. R. Cran, on behalf of the Earl, said that his client was on his way to the East, and at present was in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Philip Lannon—I understand that he is in New York.

The Chairman reported that an inspector had attended at 33 Grosvenor street and was informed that the Earl was not in town, and that no information could be given regarding his whereabouts. A visit had also been paid to Culver Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, when the inspector was informed by the steward that he had no knowledge of the Earl's whereabouts.

Lady Cadogan was in residence, and a shooting party was in progress. There was a certain amount of clothing at the hall, but nothing else belonging to the Earl, the motor cars and furniture being claimed to be the property of the trustees under the settled estates. The inspector took possession of the premises, and the steward gave an undertaking that nothing would be removed.

ALLEGATION OF BLACKMAIL.

Mr. Philip Lannon stated that the Earl gave as a reason why he wanted to borrow money that he had made some gambling debts and was being blackmailed.

Mr. Cran—Those statements are all disputed.

Mr. F. S. Salaman stated that, as trustee of the former bankruptcy, he investigated the validity of certain transactions between the present Earl and his late father. The creditors then decided not to contest the validity, and the trustees consented to make *ex gratia* payments on account of those debts. Under that arrangement £12,000 had been paid by the trustees. It was to be hoped that the trustees would not withdraw their promise and would continue to make payments as they had hitherto done.

INCOME OF £48,000.

Mr. Cran pointed out that the income of £48,000 a year from the estates was absolutely in the discretionary power of the trustees. They decided to do nothing with regard to these bankruptcy proceedings, but to let the receiving order go. They would give no promise respecting a continuation of the payments under the former bankruptcy. In regard to those proceedings it should be pointed out that all the trade creditors had been paid in full, the remainder being money-lenders and jewellers.

Mr. Salaman added that, under the arrangement with the trustees of the estate, those gentlemen stipulated that the money-lenders should submit their books for examination, and that the payments to them should be limited to the principal *plus* five per cent. interest.

The Chairman—At any rate we can take it that at present there is no promise at all?

Mr. Cran—That is so, and some of to-day's proofs of debt will be considerably questioned.

On the motion of Mr. G. J. Webb, a resolution was unanimously passed for Mr. F. S. Salaman to act as trustee and administer the estate in bankruptcy.

TALKS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

PERFECT RECEPTION AT SWANSEA.

Mr. W. H. Powning, Telegraph Engineer at Swansea General Post Office, and Mr. Brown, one of the Testing Engineers in New York, had a conversation which lasted for fifteen minutes on the new wireless telephone installation on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Powning answered a call at his home at Northampton place, and was requested by a voice at the other end to "Hold on a minute; Mr. Brown, of New York, wants you." Mr. Powning held on, and in a minute a friendly voice asked, "Is that you, Mr. Powning? How are you this morning?"

"I am quite well, thank you, Mr. Brown, but it is 'this evening' here," replied Mr. Powning.

LIKE A TRUNK CALL.

Mr. Powning stated yesterday that he and Mrs. Powning carried on a conversation with Mr. Brown with the greatest ease for fully fifteen minutes. Mr. Brown told them that the reception was perfect. Mrs. Powning's speech having wonderful telephonic quality. Except for a slight wireless hum and a difference in the strength of the signals, it might have been an ordinary trunk call.

"We spoke through ordinary telephones," said Mr. Powning, "and there was no need to shout; in fact, it was so plain and clear that I could detect the modulation in Mr. Brown's voice." There was nothing technical about the talk; it was just ordinary conversation. Mr. Brown said that the weather in New York was abominable. The rain was beating down, and freezing as it reached the frost-bound ground. He mentioned that arrangements would soon be complete whereby all the chief American cities, with their myriads of telephone subscribers, would be linked up with the wireless connection.

AT NEWCASTLE, TOO.

A call was received in Newcastle yesterday from New York. Mr. Brown conversed for three minutes with Mr. Elliott, Superintendent Engineer of Newcastle Post Office. The conversation continued for the full period of the call, and was distinct and clear and in every way suitable for commercial purposes.

LATE NEWS.

BRITAIN AND CHINA.

THE MEMORANDUM.

The Times, in a leading article, says:—The British memorandum on China, which was circulated to other Powers in Peking on December 16th, and of which the text has just been published, seems to have annoyed the extremists on the Yangtse, but it has undoubtedly produced a favourable first impression on the civilised world. It takes the initiative in proposing a policy marked by a boldness, a breadth and a simplicity that are attractive. The document is long, but the gist of it may be stated in a sentence. It is proposed that "the Powers should agree to the immediate unconditional grant of the Washington surtaxes," and that this step should be taken "at once." That constitutes, on the face of it, a very wide departure from our traditional policy and from the Washington treaties of five years ago. The memorandum frankly admits as much and justifies the change. The Government foresee that objection will be taken to their proposals on the ground that in strict logic it involves condonation of a breach of treaty. They admit as much, and they declare that, while they attach the greatest importance to the principle, they conceive that in this instance it may best be maintained by a sympathetic adjustment of treaty rights to the equitable claims of the Chinese. They recognise that the promise of the Washington surtaxes was conditional, and that the conditions have not been fulfilled. Their contention is probably right, although it is obviously not free from peril.

In spite of doubts and difficulties, however, their policy has the great merit of facing the realities, though not all the realities of the situation as it stands. It should dissipate much misrepresentation of the attitude of this country, which has far the largest interests of any foreign Power in China. M. Vandervelde, the Belgian Foreign Minister, has expressed warm admiration and approval of the Memorandum, its principles, its policy, and "the measures of immediate application it suggests." No other Government has yet spoken publicly, but it is understood that the United States is likely to agree in principle with proposals which largely reflect its traditional attitude towards China, and that Italy approves a scheme which even its critics confess to be liberal and generous. On the other hand Tuesday's *communiqué* makes it clear that no support or countenance of the British proposals can be expected from France, while Japan, whose interests in China differ widely from those of the other Powers, is not likely to support the policy of the Memorandum. At all events, it is a large and positive policy, free from the taint of self-seeking or of rivalry with others, and as such it correctly reflects the feelings of this country.

FOUR PER CENT. CONSOLS.

A SKILFULLY DEVISED LOAN.

The new British Government Loan, which is offered for subscription to-day (says *The Times*), comes as a fresh reminder of the heavy legacy of debt remaining from the war. Last March 31st the National Debt amounted to £7,616,000,000, of which the war debt accounts for nearly £7,000,000,000. In the coming year short-term debt will fall due for payment to the amount of about £265,000,000, and it is for the purpose of replacing this debt that the new loan is being issued. It bears 4 per cent. interest, is redeemable on or after February 1st, 1957, at the option of the Government, and will be known in the market as "Four per Cent. Consols." It is offered at the price of 85, at which figure the yield is £4 14s. per cent. That is approximately the same yield as is obtainable on other long-term loans.

There will, no doubt, be criticisms of the issue. It may be urged, for instance, that it would be better to wait until money becomes cheaper before issuing a long-term loan. But in every year down to 1934 there will be large maturities to meet, and the Government must meet them as they can, and not entirely as they would choose. The loan has been skilfully and ingeniously devised. It should not adversely affect the prices of existing stocks; indeed, it should tend to enhance British credit by avoiding large additions in the coming year to the floating debt, which is the most undesirable form of indebtedness for Governments, as it is for individuals.

NICARAGUA FIGHTING.

PROTEST AGAINST U.S. ACTION.

BUENOS AIRES; Wednesday.

A section of the Press here expresses disapproval of the intervention of the United States in Nicaragua, and Professor Jose Leon Suarez (Professor of International Law) describes it as an unjustifiable military action of a grave character.—(Reuter.)

A Reuter's telegram from Managua, dated Wednesday, states:—Many of the four hundred Conservative soldiers covering the retreat of the Government forces, after their recent defeat in a three days' battle, have been killed, and the remainder captured. Six hundred men of the retreating troops have retired to El Bluff, where they have been disarmed by the U.S. naval forces, as this has been declared a neutral zone by Admiral Latimer, the American commander.

In the recent battle the Liberals are said to have outnumbered the Conservatives, who had some 1,500 men engaged. Moreover, the latter ran short of ammunition, and their machine-guns were no match for twelve pieces of light artillery brought into play by their opponents. The Liberals have secured access to the Escondido River by capturing Fruta-de-Rea, which gives them control of an area where an American fruit company operates.

AEROPLANE ACCIDENT.

FLYING OFFICER AND MAN KILLED.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.
ALLAHABAD, Wednesday.

Whilst practising for the salute for Proclamation Day at Ambala, Flying Officer (Hon. Flight Lieutenant) Alastair N. MacNeal and an air craftsman, in a Bristol "fighter" of the 28th Squadron, which had just arrived from Quetta, crashed this morning. They were killed instantly.—(Per Press Association, Copyright.)

ALLEGED GERMAN SPY.

A FORMER BRITISH OFFICER

ARRESTED BY FRENCH POLICE.

The French police attach great importance to the arrest of a man named Vivian Stranders on a charge of espionage.

They allege that Stranders, who at one time served in the British Army, was connected with several aviation firms; that he was employed by Dr. Weber, who is supposed to be one of the heads of the German espionage department, to obtain information about France's aeronautical developments.

The French Press contains long accounts of Stranders's alleged activities. According to the *Intransigeant*, the British authorities have been endeavouring to trace him for over a year.

A QUESTIONNAIRE.

It is stated that Weber entrusted to Stranders a detailed *questionnaire* in 20 parts which indicated the kind of information desired concerning French Army aviation, tanks, machine-guns, and improvements in armaments.

These questions were not found on Mr. Stranders when he was arrested, but he is said to have committed them to memory. It is alleged that he had made frequent trips to Germany to communicate to his employers the results of his investigations.

The *Journal* says that at various hotels where he stayed Stranders left the impression of a quiet and studious visitor. He is stated to have handed a notebook one day to a fellow-lodger with the request that he should keep it for him. After he had left the hotel unexpectedly this book was examined, and is said to have contained detailed designs of engines and other mechanical information.

On the other hand, the *Matin* states that Stranders declares that the information which he collected for Dr. Weber could not endanger the safety of France, for it consisted only of technical matters which were not military secrets.

VIVIAN STRANDERS.

HIS MILITARY CAREER.

Vivian Stranders was born in 1881. At the beginning of the war he joined the Tenth Fortress Company, Royal Engineers (Territorials). From that unit he went to the 1st Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. He remained with the Artillery until February, 1917, when he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, with the rank of lieutenant, as equipment officer. In April, 1918, he became temporary captain, carrying out staff officer's duties at various Royal Air Force stations in England.

When he went to Germany in September, 1919, he was junior member in the administrative side of the Inter-Allied Aeronautical Commission of Control, which was set up under the Treaty of Versailles to ensure that certain clauses as to disarmament were carried out. He remained with the Commission until January, 1921, when he was demobilised. Since then he has had no connection with the Royal Air Force.

SERVICE IN SHEFFIELD.

The Press Association's Sheffield correspondent says:—Vivian Stranders, who has been arrested in France on a charge of espionage, is believed to be a Captain Vivian Stranders who was on the staff of Coal Aston Aerodrome, Sheffield, during the war. Several members of the aerodrome staff remember him distinctly. It appears that he lodged at two houses in the district before the officers' quarters at the aerodrome were completed.

It was evident that he was a much-travelled man, and that he had seen service in other campaigns. Although not a communicative man, he gave the impression in conversation that he had seen many countries. He is described as a thick-set man, about five feet nine inches in height, aged between forty and forty-five years, with silver-grey hair, slightly bald, and with a small dark moustache.

"He had a very commanding presence," said a former Air Force man who knew him when at Coal Aston, "and I formed the opinion that he was a Regular Army officer who had seen much service."

SALVAGE OFFICER.

Captain Stranders remained at Coal Aston for about eighteen months, and left shortly before the Armistice was signed. His duties at the aerodrome were of an administrative character. He was the salvage officer, and he travelled many miles superintending the salving of aeroplanes which had been wrecked or damaged. At one time and another a number of officers were billeted at Woodseats, and Stranders went there on his arrival at the aerodrome and stayed a few months. He had an expert knowledge of horses. He wore a number of decorations.

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INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS ENDS.

NEXT MEETING IN MADRAS.

GAUHATI, Wednesday.

The 41st session of the Indian National Congress concluded to-day at Gauhati. The Committee, by a large majority, fixed upon Madras City as the venue of the next Congress. The opinion of the majority was that, in view of the impending appointment of a Statutory Commission to inquire into the working of the reformed Constitution of India, the Congress should hold its next meeting in a presidency city. Calcutta would probably have been selected, but, owing to dissensions among the Bengal Swarajists, the invitation was withdrawn.

The resolutions adopted indicate a partial drift back to Gandhism. Mr. Gandhi promised the Swarajists his support in Council work if they helped to make the boycott of foreign cloth effective.—(Reuter.)

ALL-INDIA MUSLIM LEAGUE.

DELHI, Wednesday.

The All-India Muslim League, which was virtually dead during the Khilafat agitation, has now revived in all strength.

It commenced a session to-day under the presidency of Khan Bahdur Sheikh Abdul Qadir, who recently represented India at the League of Nations. He said that the All-Indian Congress League must put their houses in order, and try to bring back to their respective folds sheep which had gone astray. They should sit together to devise ways and means of acting in harmony, agreeing to differ where difference was inevitable. They should stand together before the coming Commission on Constitutional Reforms and make a united and vigorous demand for complete self-government.

The President denounced the murder of the Hindu leader, holding that the assassin could render no greater disservice to Islam or lend a stronger impetus to the Hindu conversion movement.

COMMUNAL REPRESENTATION.

Touching on the problem of Communal representation, Qadir Khan urged increased representation for Muslims in the National Assembly, Provincial Councils, and public bodies. He considered that the best solution would be to retain separate electorates. He declared that the question of employment under the State was not merely a question of "loaves and fishes," but a question of power, opportunity, and training. The problem had become very urgent for Mussulmans, because other avenues of work, particularly in trade and commerce, were practically beyond their reach for want of sufficient capital.

The President advocated the expansion of the conversion and physical culture movements, and advised agriculturists to extend the co-operative movement, which had been remarkably successful in the Punjab.—(Reuter.)

THE LATE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

GAUHATI, Tuesday.

At a special session of the Hindu Mahasabha a resolution was adopted expressing condolence on the occasion of the death of the Japanese Emperor, greeting the new Emperor, and wishing the Japanese to grow in prosperity and power during his reign.—(Reuter.)

THE OCCUPATION OF COLOGNE.

LAST OF BRITISH GENERAL HEADQUARTERS.

COLOGNE, Wednesday.

To-day almost the last vestige of the British occupation of Cologne disappeared by the reversion of the "Excelsior" to its pre-war uses as a hotel. It was from a second-floor window of the "Excelsior"—nobody ever called it G.H.Q.—that the Union Jack was lowered last January, the headquarters' guard then presenting arms for the last time, and marching away, leaving no trace of their seven years' vigil except the path worn on the pavement by the sentries on their regular beat.

For nearly a year a notice has been prominently displayed across the frontage, stating that "after nearly eight years' occupation this hotel is again free," and to-day a specially-invited company of guests, including Government, civic and other dignitaries, is celebrating the event. No longer will the windows of the "Excelsior" be used for sightseers of parades on the Dom Square, for that great open space, flanked on one side by the Dom, is now cut up into traffic islands, for the protection of timid pedestrians.

The British taxpayer will have to pay for rent and compensation throughout the occupation period, and for the complete renovation of the premises and of the adjoining Deichmannhaus, which also was requisitioned for General Headquarters. The total amount demanded under this "requisition and hiring" charge, and for the restoration of the buildings to their former "state of newness," is an appalling one, and the exorbitance of the German claim is the subject of a fierce dispute.—(Reuter.)

COMMUNIST PLOTTERS

REPRIEVED BY LITHUANIAN DICTATOR.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

KOVNO, Wednesday.

The report that the new Lithuanian Government had executed four Communist leaders charged with planning to overthrow the Government is denied officially to-day. The new President, Dictator Anthony Smetona, it officially announced, has commuted their sentences to life imprisonment.

Professor Waldemaras, the present Lithuanian Premier and Foreign Minister, is visiting Memel to negotiate with the German inhabitants who have thus far successfully resisted Kovno's attempts to make them learn the Lithuanian language, which the Lithuanians pride themselves as being one of the most difficult languages in the world to master.

Four editors of German newspapers published in Memel who were expelled for commenting upon the recent coup will shortly be invited to return to Memel and the new Lithuanian Government is anxious to promote better relations between Kovno and Berlin.

RESEARCH WORK IN INDIA.

TRIBUTE TO SIR J. C. BOSE'S INSTITUTE.

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.

A memorial, signed by Lord Dawson of Penn, Lord Lee of Fareham, Viscount Grey, Lord Burnham, Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Alfred Mond, Sir Michael Sadler, Sir Charles Sherrington, Sir Arthur Shipley, Sir Richard (Arman) Gregory, Mr. J. A. Spender, Mr. C. P. Scott, Mr. H. A. Gwynne, and many distinguished scientists, has been submitted to the Viceroy, expressing appreciation of the work achieved at Sir J. C. Bose's Research Institute at Calcutta.

The memorial welcomes the co-operation between East and West, and urges the Government of India to continue to extend assistance for the expansion of the Institute, in order to increase its "recognised usefulness, and thus help to revive the ancient traditions of India as a home of learning."—(Reuter.)

WILSON PEACE PRIZE

GIVEN AWAY BY AMERICAN SENATOR.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

[Se]nator Elihu Root has given the Woodrow [Wils]on prize of 25,000 dollars, which was [award]ed to him for his peace efforts, to con[stitute] the nucleus of an endowment fund for [the ma]intenance of the magazine, *Foreign [Affairs]*, a quarterly review, published in [New] York. *Foreign Affairs* was originally founded as a non-profit-making enterprise.—(Reuter.)

WRECKAGE OF LOST STEAMER.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

What is believed to be wreckage belonging to the Norwegian ss. Balholm, reported lost with all hands off Iceland in mid-December, has been observed off the Icelandic coast.

ROSSE COLLEGE, STEPHEN'S GREEN. Day Classes resume Thursday, Dec. 30; Night Classes resume Monday, Jan. 3.—(Advt.)

DAIRY FARMING IN IRELAND.

INCREASING THE MILK YIELD.

VALUE OF COW-TESTING

At the annual Congress of Cow-Testing Associations in Cork yesterday, under the auspices of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Association, there were 208 representatives of Cow-Testing Associations present, the counties represented being—Cork, Kerry, Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny, Dublin, Tipperary, Clare, Leix, Offaly, Wicklow, and Louth.

Some of the delegates were obliged to leave home at 4 a.m. in order to be in time, and Colonel Gibbon motored 125 miles from Wexford. He brought with him a sample of dried sugar beet pulp for the feeding of dairy cows.

TILLAGE IN IRELAND.

BEST METHODS NEEDED.

In opening the Congress, the outgoing President, Mr. E. MacLysaght, stated that, while he did not agree either with optimists or with those who said that they were down-and-out, it was impossible to be cheerful in view of the bad prices that they were getting, and the fact that the whole world was depressed, except the United States; also because of the reduced purchasing power of our best customer, owing to the coal strike in England.

They had a very fertile country, with a low National Debt and lower taxation—taking local and central together—than any other European country. There was no reason why they should go under, but they certainly would go under unless they adopted twentieth century methods in tillage, methods of marketing, increased veterinary research and feeding. Feeding had an extraordinary effect if properly carried out. It was said that the dairy industry could be improved by weeding, breeding and feeding. Their attendance showed that they were attending to the weeding. Breeding could be left to the operation of the Live-Stock Breeding Act. In two years he had largely raised the milk yield of his cows. It was not only a question of extra feeding, but one of balanced feeding. He had one Kerry cow, with an average of 700 gallons. This year he fed her better than usual, and she gave 250 gallons more, at a cost of £3 12s. for the increases, while the yield was worth £6 15s.

Referring to the Faculty of Dairy Science established at University College, Cork, Mr. MacLysaght said that the object of a university was to produce a man who was going to do some good to his country. Cork had taken very definite steps in this direction. He congratulated Mr. Hogan, Minister for Lands and Agriculture, for his work in this connection. He also said a good word for the work of the present Department of Agriculture. Under the old *régime* there was much to find fault with. There was now a new spirit in the Department, with increased efficiency and enthusiasm on the part of the staff.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. P. J. Halliden, Hon Secretary, read the report of the Executive Committee, which stated that in addition to the branches established in North, North-East, South and West Cork; in Waterford, Kerry, East and West Limerick, South Tipperary, Kilkenny and Carlow, branches had been formed during the year 1926 in Co. Wexford, in North Tipperary, Leix and Offaly and in East Cork. These branches embraced some 200 cow-testing associations, with 54,000 cows under test, and showed an increase during 1926 or almost 10,000 cows. This comparatively large increase could not be regarded as satisfactory, considering that of the 1,350,000 dairy cows in the Free State only 4 per cent. are under test to ascertain their yields of milk and butter-fat, to find out whether the cows leave a profit or are kept at a loss. If cow-testing were generally adopted the dairy farmers of the Free State could increase their annual incomes within seven or eight years by £6,000,000 for milk alone, while the enhanced value of the young stock would be enormous.

"We are convinced," the report went on, "that the time has arrived when cow-testing should become one of the most serious concerns of the State, and should be raised to the dignity of a national problem. The State and the people have everything to gain by the expenditure of money on a highly reproductive service, such as the development of the dairy cattle industry."

THE FINANCE OF THE SCHEME.

The number of cows on test should be at least tenfold, in view of the immense possibilities of the scheme. A new era of prosperity would dawn over the whole country if the average milk yield of their cows was 650 gallons, instead of the present 420 gallons. The financial burden of the scheme should be uniformly borne by every member of the community. Cow-testing instructors should have their positions reviewed by the Department, with the object of making provision for better salaries, superannuation rights and security of tenure. The present position and status of supervisors and cow-testing associations was most unsatisfactory, and something should be done immediately or the present efficient staff could not be induced to remain at work.

Successful shows and sales of registered dairy stock had been held under the auspices of the Society during 1926.

The best dual purpose cow was that of Shorthorn type, and Irish farmers were fortunate in the fact that fully 90 per cent. of all the cows in their possession were of that type. To make that 90 per cent. economical producers of milk and store cattle was the aim of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society.

The report expressed appreciation of the efforts made by the State to improve the output of the dairy industry, as expressed in the legislative enactments known as the Dairy Produce Act and the Live Stock Breeding Act, and they hailed with satisfaction the establishment of a Dairy Science Faculty in the University College, Cork. They confidently trusted that the State would immediately, and with effect, tackle the problems of the marketing and transport of their dairy produce, both of which at present needed drastic overhauling.

The balance sheet showed a balance to credit of £100.

ENTHUSIASTIC WORKERS.

Professor E. O'Donoghue (Cork), in proposing the adoption of the report and balance sheet, said that the outstanding feature of the report was the enthusiasm of the workers. There had been some antipathy to that work, and the sooner they tackled it as a State question the better.

Mr. F. N. Grene (Dundrum, Tipperary) seconded the motion, which was adopted.

A letter was received from the Minister for Lands and Agriculture, regretting inability to attend.

IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN MILK.

The Earl of Kenmare, who had been elected President, in the course of a letter regretting his absence owing to illness, wished the organisation prosperity in the new year, and announced that he would present a cup to the Association, leaving it to members of the Committee to decide what it should be competed for. He added—

"One of the most important things to aim at is clean milk. We are very far behindhand in Ireland in this matter. The next thing is a plentiful supply of it, which means better milking cows. Another fence to surmount is the question of cost. It costs nearly as much to raise milk here as in London, and over there The Knight of Kerry finds a market for Grade A milk from his Kerry cows at 4s. 6d. per gallon. If foot-and-mouth disease would only disappear in England, it would be possible for us to import best dairy shorthorns into the country, so as to ensure our having the very best dairy stock. We have now to get the best we can from stock in the country, and good ones are scarce and dear."

NEW OFFICERS.

Mr. Maurice Raleigh was elected vice-president, Mr. W. O'Callaghan hon. treasurer, and Mr. P. J. Halliden hon. secretary.

PRODUCTION OF MILK.

Mr. P. J. Howard, M.R.C.V.S., Ennis, delivered a lecture on "The Production of Milk under Hygienic Conditions," in the course of which he said that the subject was not alone of national, but of universal, importance. Milk, he said, was the most important food of man and of young cattle, and this at the most serious period of their existence, and consequently it ought to be produced under the most perfect conditions. The keeping of milch cows and the production of milk was part of the routine of many farms. Assuming that cows were healthy, it ought to be easy to obtain clean milk during the grass season.

The lecturer then impressed on his hearers the vital necessity of clean hands and clothes of those engaged in milking operations, and illustrated the principal points of his address by interesting photographic slides. The farmer, he added, was not entirely to blame, because there had been very little provision made to instruct him in the importance of these matters. Now that they could no longer throw the blame on the landlords or on John Bull, they must face the problem themselves of the production of milk under hygienic conditions. The lecturer pointed out that no elaborate building or equipment was necessary for the production of clean milk. The whole question was one of cleanliness.

EDUCATION NEEDED.

Mr. J. O'Mahony (Ennis), in the course of a discussion on the subject, mentioned that agricultural prices had not advanced in proportion to non-agricultural prices, and certain branches of agriculture were particularly depressed. They must have clean milk if they were to keep up the health of the nation. In this matter they must have more education. It was more a question of education than anything else.

Mr. Raleigh expressed the view that many of the things put forward by the lecturer to show uncleanliness of milk production were the exception rather than the rule, and he did not think that things were so bad as the lecturer pointed out.

Mr. Belton (Dublin) took a somewhat similar view, and remarked that if there was any necessity for the lecture it ought to have been delivered *in camera*. So far as County Dublin was concerned, the production of milk was much improved. He refuted any statement that they produced milk under unhygienic conditions.

LECTURER'S REPLY.

After some further discussion.

Mr. Howard (the lecturer) said that he was sorry that anyone should say that they were not to be made aware of their shortcomings. He knew something about the County Dublin, and he could say that up to a couple of years ago the milk production was a disgrace. The statement was published in the last six months that the milk distributed in Dublin for consumption by the ordinary population was more poison than clean milk. Some improvement, however, had taken place.

Improvement in these matters was necessary, and he had endeavoured to encourage that improvement. He had the courage to tell them that there was big room for improvement.

RESEARCH STATION WANTED.

Mr. T. J. McElligott, Listowel, moved a resolution urging the Department of Agriculture to establish a station in Munster for research into diseases of dairy cattle, particularly contagious abortion. He said that abortion was a national menace, and a station for research should be established as soon as possible. This was a non-contentious subject, and he was sure that the resolution would be endorsed by the Congress, and he hoped that the Department would deal fully with the methods for treating abortion.

Mr. P. L. Ryan, Chairman, Tipperary County Council (S.R.), said that abortion was one of the greatest menaces to the cattle raising and dairying industry in the country. The Department, he held, had not given real value for the money expended on it.

Colonel C. M. Gibbon (Wexford) said that they were not altogether without research. He acknowledged the assistance that had been given him by the Department. They had a Veterinary Research Laboratory at Thorndale, Drumcondra, where very good work was being done. If the Department was going to do this on a large scale it would cost thousands of pounds. Even then it would be unable to make conditions any better than they were at present. Great advances had been made in the treatment of diseases, and if they could stamp out tuberculosis in cattle it would give a great stimulus to the live stock trade.

AGRICULTURAL CREDIT.

Mr. E. O'Shaughnessy, Director of the Condensed Milk Company, on behalf of his father, Deputy O'Shaughnessy, said that they wanted more intensive agriculture. One of the most important needs of the farmer was an agricultural credit bank. They also wanted grants from the Government for agricultural technical education and agricultural research. There was something rotten in a country which preferred imported to home-made butter. The great difference between agricultural education in this country and America was the lack of specialisation in this country. At Cornell University, New York State, he said there were 1,700 students and 300 professors teaching research. He believed that the tide of migration from the country to the towns could be checked by the establishment of farmers' clubs.

Mr. Meyrick, Secretary Department of Agriculture, stated that they wished to do everything possible to co-operate with the work of the Congress. Their Veterinary Research Department had been established only three years, and they had used to the full all the experiences that came their way. Six thousand doses of anti-abortion serum had been distributed with satisfactory results. It was not an absolute preventive, but if farmers whose stock were affected get into touch with the Research Laboratory through the County Instructors in Agriculture, there would be more material to work upon, and fuller information could be given. With regard to the question of more money for milk testing that might be obtained if members of cow testing associations increased the amount of their contributions,

Mr. McElligott, in reply, pointed out that what they wanted was a research station in Munster.

The resolution was carried.

THE STANDARD FOR REGISTRATION.

Mr. T. C. Joyce (Kilworth), moved that the Department of Agriculture be asked to raise the standard of milk and butter fat for the registration of pure-bred dairy cows. The standard of 600 gallons was not high enough. If the wasters of their ordinary dairy herds were to be eliminated, the time was ripe when wasters of the pure-bred type should be eliminated also.

Mr. J. M. O'Connor, Freemount, seconded. He said that the dam of a pure-bred dairy bull should give at least 800 gallons, with a corresponding percentage of butter fat.

Mr. D. Twomey, of the Department of Agriculture, pointed out that during the first two years of cow testing the standard milk yield was 500 gallons, with 3.5 per cent. of butter fat. In 1925 the standard of fat was raised to 225. He thought that the standard for registration should be progressively raised to 800lb. Farmers all over the country who were milk recording were using, for the most part, pure-bred Shorthorn bulls, and breeders who could not supply the demand for the right type would not meet with any trade at the spring sales. He thought, in view of the comparatively recent advance in the standard, it would be better not to press for a further increase at present.

The resolution was withdrawn.

FOOD AND MILK YIELD.

Mr. E. J. Sheehy, B.Sc., College of Science, Dublin, in the course of an address on "The Effect of Food on the Yield of Milk and of Butter Fat," pointed out that when milk sells at a high price a cow requires for maintenance three stones of roots, with hay, or a mixture of hay and straw, *ad lib*; and for each gallon of milk 3½lb. of meal. When milk sells at creamery price, the ration for maintenance and for the first gallon of daily milk should be three stones of roots, with hay, or a mixture of hay and straw, *ad lib.*, with 3½lb. of meal for each gallon of milk in excess of the first one. Ordinarily summer grazing provides nutriment as follows:—First month, sufficient for maintenance and four gallons of milk; second month, three gallons; third month, two gallons; and fourth month, one gallon. A little extra milk might be given on grazing alone at the expense of the body.

Cows should be well fed before calving, because subsequent yields may be increased by from 50 to 100 gallons thereby, and because the large body reserves allow for a falling off in condition at flush of yield. The possible increase in yield of milk and butter-fat was considerable. An extra 200 gallons per cow per lactation period applied to the one and a half million cows in Ireland would effect an increase of 300,000,000 gallons, which at 7½d. per gallon would realise almost £10,000,000.

This matter was also dealt with by Colonel Gibbon and others.

PROPAGANDA.

On the motion of Mr. B. G. Ussher (Waterford), seconded by Mr. D. P. Forde (Cork), it was decided to ask the Department to co-operate with the Society in issuing propaganda on the work of cow-testing and the breeding of dairy cattle.

NEW DAIRY INSTITUTE.

Professor C. Boyle, M.A., Ph.D., University College, Cork, said that plans were nearly completed for the erection of a Dairy Science Institute and Experimental Creamery at the College. The laboratories would be equipped for instruction in chemistry, physics, bacteriology, dairy technology, and dairy engineering. The experimental creamery would be equipped for the manufacture of butter and cheese. There would also be a condensed milk plant, a dried milk plant and an ice-cream plant. The creamery would be equipped to handle 1,000 gallons of milk per day, and ample space was being provided for the testing of dairy machinery.

A farm of about 135 acres had already been acquired within 2½ miles of the College. The farm would be run as a dairy farm, and experiments would be conducted there on milk production and the feeding of dairy by-products. Perhaps the most important function of the Institute would be the training of creamery managers. It would also do research work in relation to the production, handling and distribution of milk, the manufacture of dairy products and the use of dairy by-products. Feeding experiments would also be conducted. The Dairy Institute could be of most use to the industry when all concerned in the industry took an interest in its work.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

Missing Child Found Drowned.—Bernard O'Neill (2½), who has been missing from his home, Bolton street, Dublin, since last Tuesday, was found drowned in the basin of the Royal Canal, near Broadstone, yesterday morning.

The Children's League of Pity.—A grand charity matinée of the fairy play "Slumberland," written and composed by Mr. Hubert Rooney, and produced by Mr. and Mrs. Leggett Byrne, will be held in the Theatre Royal to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. The proceeds will be devoted to the Children's League of Pity, the junior branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Children's Fancy Dress Ball.—At the Engineers' Hall, Dawson street, Dublin, last Tuesday afternoon, a very successful children's fancy dress ball was given by Miss B. Nugent, assisted by Miss Conway. Close on 200 children attended. The prize-winners were:—Miss Maire Belton, 1st prize (most original dress), as "Cleaner Dublin." Miss Maureen Keegan, 1st prize (prettiest costume), "Bo-Peep." Miss Patricia Lawlor, a Red Cross Nurse. Miss Patty McEvoy, "Night." Miss Moya Manning, as "Safety First." Master Paul Leonard, as "Winter Sport." Pretties paper costumes—Miss Maria Viani, as Italy: Miss Josephine Stapleton, as "Frolic." Miss Vivian Darling and Miss Stella McNevin won medals for proficiency in dancing; Miss Maureen Bowden (5), for an exhibition of the new Charleston.

A Popular Priest.—In Donabate, County Dublin, a deputation representing the parishioners of Ashford, Co. Wicklow, made a presentation of an illuminated address and a wallet of notes to the Rev. J. Costello, C.C., who, until his recent transfer, laboured in that parish. Mr. C. M. Byrne, T.D., introduced the deputation. Mr. Laurence Casey read the address, which was artistically illuminated and enclosed in a handsome frame. Father Costello thanked the people of Ashford for their generous gift.

The Mission to Seamen.—The proceedings at the Dublin Seamen's Institute, Eden quay, Dublin, on Christmas Day, began with Service and celebration of Holy Communion, conducted by the Rev. W. Anderson, at 11 a.m. At 6 p.m. in the diningroom dinner was served to over seventy men. A short Service followed. Afterwards an excellent concert, under the direction of Mr. W. H. Henn, was given by Mrs. Torrens, Misses Cobbledick, Rocliffe and Storey; Messrs. Price, R. and T. Dawson, McCoy, and Brew. During an interval tea was served. Towards the end of the concert gifts of woollies were given to one hundred men by Misses Waters and Macartney. On St. Stephen's Day the church was again packed for the Evening Service, which was followed by a sacred concert in the Institute. On last Monday a social evening was held in the Institute.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS.—J. Hayes, R. M. Jones, T. Weatherley, R. Gibson, M. Woodward, W. Rose, A. J. Whelan, T. Cooper, T. Adams, W. Shield, T. Watt, R. Wilson.

DEPARTURES.—A. D. Huet, F. Webster, T. Winstanley, T. Mortier, J. Smart, F. V. Gordon, M. Hoey, Major M. D. Parr, G. H. Glover, Dr. Rita Dillon Leech, J. Watts, J. Gannon, Miss C. Duff, N. E. Allen, T. H. Bradley.

LEINSTER.

Straw Burned.—On last Tuesday night several ricks of straw, the property of Mr. H. Doyle, Shroughmore, Enniscorthy, were destroyed by fire.

Clergyman's Double Bereavement.—River-Chapel (Co. Wexford) Farmers' Union has tendered sympathy to the Rev. John O'Grady, C.C., on the death of his father (Mr. Patrick O'Grady, Ballycullane) and his uncle (the Rev. T. Vincent O'Grady, O.F.M., Cork), both of whom died on December 20th last.

Labourer's Injuries. — James Storey, labourer, Ballyloo, Co. Carlow, was admitted to the Carlow County Infirmary suffering from a severe gash in the throat. After being treated in the infirmary he was removed to the Carlow Mental Hospital.

Price of Pigs.—There was a fair supply of pigs at Carlow pig fair last Tuesday. Young pigs showed a slight increase in price, ranging from 40s. to 60s. apiece; fat pigs 63s. per cwt. (live weight). There was a small supply of pigs at Enniscorthy market yesterday, and the demand was keen. Prices advanced by 2s. per cwt. (live weight) to 66s. for suitable bacon pigs and 76s. for porkers.

Presentation.—Mr. George Airth, manager of the Dundalk Gas Works, has been presented with a smoker's companion by the men employed at the works, and Mrs. Airth with a silver tea service. The presentation was made by Mr. Copas, who referred to the work of Mr. Airth during the recent coal strike, when he succeeded in keeping the works going and the staff employed. Mr. Airth (who has been manager of the works for many years) said that they had no reason to be downhearted about the future. He was confident that very shortly they would have to extend their works to meet the demand.

MUNSTER.

Heirs Wanted.—A letter received from a sister in America by Mrs. Susan O'Sullivan, Lahinch, Co. Clare, states that a Miss McDonnell died recently in New York and left a large sum of money. The deceased woman was a native of East Clare, and died without making a will.

County Cork Quarry Accident.—While discharging stone from Mile Bush quarry, Midleton, County Cork, Michael Crotty, labourer, of Cork road, Midleton, was struck on the head by a boulder, receiving severe scalp wounds. He lies in a serious condition in the District Home.

Clare Benefit Society.—A satisfactory report was submitted by the auditor to the last meeting of the County Clare Benefit Society. Bonuses of varying amounts were awarded to the staff by the Committee of Management. During 1925 benefits totalling £3,399 11s. 9d. were paid, being an increase of over £641 on the amount paid in the previous year. Administration expenses cost £1,383 12s. 10d., and there is now a surplus of £1,259 8s. 7d. on that account. The membership of the Society has almost doubled during the past three years, and stands at 7,652.

At Cloughjordan fair Mr. E. Coonan, cattle dealer, Birr, purchased a cow for £10, which gave birth in the evening to three healthy calves. The cow walked 12 miles that morning to the fair.

CONNAUGHT.

District Court Clerk.—Mr. Charles MacDermott, Ballaghaderreen, has been appointed District Court Clerk at Frenchpark (Co. Roscommon), in succession to Mr. T. Lavin, who has resigned.

Sympathy.—County Galway Technical Instruction Committee passed a resolution sympathising with the widow and relatives of Mr. William Emerson, manual instructor, who died at Dominick street, Galway.

Green Plover Shot.—While shooting on the lands adjoining Sligo Bay on Christmas Day Mr. T. R. M'Goldrick, Ballinea, Sligo, shot a green plover with a ring on its leg bearing the following inscription—"Wetherby, High Holborn, London, X 7346."

At Loughrea District Court Viscount Lascelles (for whom Mr. Hutchinson Davidson, solicitor, Ballinasloe, appeared), obtained ejectment decrees for non-payment of rent against a number of tenants residing in the town of Loughrea.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

Returned American's Death.—Mr. Allan Speer, Philadelphia, U.S.A., who was on a visit to his old home near Newtownstewart, Co. Tyrone, has passed away after two days' illness.

Memory of Derry Woman.—The officers of the Londonderry Women's L.O.L. No. 26, placed a wreath of remembrance on the grave of Mrs. Fanny E. Corscaden, O.B.E., Richmond, Derry, on the occasion of the fourth anniversary of her death. Mrs. Corscaden was the founder of the Lodge.

Death From Blood Poisoning.—A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at the inquest held in Belfast yesterday on Francis Fay (39), of North Queen street, who died last Friday as the result of a cut received on December 17th last at Dufferin Docks while unloading slates. Medical evidence showed that death was due to blood poisoning.

Boy Killed by Lorry.—A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at the inquest held in Belfast on William Patterson (13), who died from injuries received by being knocked down by a motor lorry in Duncairn Gardens last week. The Coroner (Dr. James Graham) said that he was satisfied that the driver (Robert Sloan) was not to blame.

New Presbyterian Minister.—The ordination of the Rev. John Barkley Wallace, M.A., took place yesterday in Drumbo Presbyterian Church, where he will minister in succession to the Rev. Joseph Cordner, who recently took his departure for Canada. The Rev. J. B. Wallace has assisted the Rev. Dr. Montgomery in the Shankill Road Mission, Belfast, for the past ten years.

Cruelty to Ducks.—Charged at Omagh with cruelty to ducks, by putting quills through their beaks, Catherine Donaghey, of Suttin, said that she adopted the practice to prevent the ducks stealing her neighbour's oats, and did not think that she was doing any harm. The Court imposed a fine of 2s. 6d. and costs, Captain Gosselin, R.M., remarking that he supposed the defendant acted through ignorance.

Alleged Theft of "Pullovers."—An elderly man, David Shaw, of Upper Library street, was yesterday, in the Belfast Custody Court, sent for trial before the Recorder on a charge of breaking and entering the lock-up premises of Mr. R. Laverty, 20 Rosemary street, and stealing three "pullovers" valued at three guineas. Mr. Laverty locked up his office last Tuesday afternoon, and on returning, it is alleged, met the accused man on the stairs carrying two boxes. Challenged Shaw dropped the boxes and made an effort to escape, but was held until a policeman arrived.

Funeral of Derry Clergyman. — The funeral took place in Londonderry of the Rev. John Stuart, M.A., for 51 years pastor of Waterside Presbyterian Church, Londonderry. The Moderator of the General Assembly (the Right Rev. R. K. Hanna, M.A.) travelled specially to attend the funeral. A special Service was held in the church in which the deceased clergyman had ministered for over half a century, and a touching tribute was paid to him by the Rev. Dr. James McGranahan, Londonderry, ex-Moderator of the General Assembly. Throughout the Service at the graveside a robin hovered around the edge of the open grave.

"Testing" a Motor Car.—In the Belfast Summons Court yesterday a fine of £3 and costs was imposed on James H. Workman, Wandsworth Gardens, Strandtown, for driving a motor car at a dangerous speed on December 6 last. A police constable said that while on duty at the junction of Ormeau road and Ravenhill road a motor car passed him at a speed of between 40 and 45 miles per hour. The car had a limited trade number. On the car returning the witness stood opposite a street lamp and signalled to the driver of the car, but he swerved to the right, switched off the rear light, and drove on. Later the car came back and the driver again disobeyed the signal. On making enquiries witness ascertained that the car belonged to a motor firm in town, and that the defendant was the driver of it on the evening in question. Mr. Osborne said that the defendant had taken out the car to test.

EDUCATION CHINA'S GREAT NEED.

COUNTY CORK PRIEST'S IMPRESSIONS.

A County Cork priest, writing from Peking, states that China's great need is education of the right kind. This fact, to a great extent, is recognised by an increasing number of Chinese themselves. There is a veritable craze among the young Chinese to get education; or, at any rate, to assimilate those factors of progress, whereby they consider, rightly or wrongly, the Western peoples have gone forward, not to speak of the thousands, who, after preliminary studies in China, are at present frequenting the Universities of Europe, and especially America.

DESIRE TO LEARN ENGLISH.

A vast number of Chinese boys, urged on by their parents, passionately desire to learn English, and through it commercial subjects. Owing to the large amount of British and American capital in China, a knowledge of English is the only door through which they can secure a place in banks and railways and commercial enterprises of all kinds, even in their own country. This is a fact patent to all who know the East, especially to those who, like ourselves, have lived a few years in the capital of China. British, and especially Protestant missionaries, are labouring feverishly to supply this demand for the schools.

FIRE IN ICE-CREAM SHOP.

Early yesterday morning an outbreak of fire was discovered in the shop of Mr. George Cassoni, an ice-cream merchant, in Park street, Dundalk. Civic Guards and the town fire brigade quickly turned out and succeeded in preventing the flames from spreading to the adjoining property.

A back room and a store were completely gutted. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Insurances at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—R. H. Bolton, Manager. Agents everywhere. —(Advt.)

DROWNED IN SHALLOW WATER.

MYSTERY OF LEICESTER WOMAN'S DEATH.

A sensation was caused in Leicester and district yesterday by the news that the body of Mrs. Ernest Walker, wife of the chairman of the directors of Wolsey, Ltd., the well-known Leicester hosiery firm, was found in the canal at Great Glen, near Leicester, on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Walker, who had not been in good health recently, is believed to have driven from her home by motor, and the circumstances under which she came to be in the canal are not at present known.

Mrs. Walker's body was found in the canal near Glen House, the residence of her father, Mr. Robert Rowley, Chairman of Leicester County Bench of magistrates. The car in which she had driven from her house in Leicester was seen standing near Wistow Bridge over the canal, one hundred yards from where her body was found.

No notice was taken of the car until a coat and gloves belonging to Mrs. Walker were found on the towing path. A further search was made, and the body was discovered in a few feet of water, hardly deep enough to drown a person in normal health.

An inquest was held at Leicester on the body of Mrs. J. Walker yesterday afternoon. Mr. Walker said that his wife had been suffering from a nervous breakdown, and had been very depressed since the death of her sister a year ago. She seemed fairly well on Tuesday. He last saw her at luncheon, when she said nothing about going out in the car. The Coroner returned a verdict of suicide, Mrs. Walker not being responsible for her actions.

RIVER POLLUTION.

Lord Balfour, on behalf of the Prime Minister, will receive a deputation on Tuesday, February 15, from the British Waterworks Association and the Salmon and Trout Association. The object is to persuade the Government to set up a central authority to deal with the question of rivers' pollution.

FAKED BILLS IN FINLAND.

HELSINGFORS, Wednesday.

Faked bills, amounting to some millions of Finnish marks, have been recently passed through various banks. It is believed that an international gang is at work, which is operating in several countries, and manufacturing stamps, passports and other documents. Apparently the headquarters of the gang are at Reval or at Riga.—(Reuter.)

VIENNA INSOLVENCY FIGURES.

VIENNA, Wednesday.

During 1926 there were 634 bankruptcies in Vienna, as compared with 681 in 1925. 2,426 persons made private arrangements with their creditors, as compared with 2,759 in 1925.—(Reuter.)

AIR MINISTER'S FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL AND WELCOME AT MALTA.

CONGRATULATING THE NAVIGATOR.

FROM THE PRESS ASSOCIATION'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

MALTA, Wednesday.

The Hercules air liner, in which Sir Samuel and Lady Hoare are flying to Egypt and India, arrived here to-day in a heavy downpour. A large gathering of ladies and gentlemen welcomed the visitors.

Sir Samuel Hoare expressed himself as very pleased with the flight, which, he said, had been of the most satisfactory character.

No sooner had Sir Samuel alighted than he turned to the navigator, Squadron Leader E. L. Johnson, and said: "You have brought us out very nicely, Johnson, despite very gusty and nasty weather and low visibility. I warmly congratulate you."

Sir Samuel Hoare was then received by Air Commodore Clark-Hall, Commanding the Royal Air Force in the Mediterranean, and Mrs. Clark-Hall received Lady Hoare. Afterwards they all drove to the Palace, and were the guests of Sir W. Congreve, the Governor of Malta, and Lady Congreve.

Squadron Leader Johnson said that the worst patch was from Catania to Malta, in a 45-mile-an-hour wind, with continuous rain, and visibility nil. The distance was covered in one and a half hours. The actual flying time from Croydon to Malta was 17 hours 23 minutes. The aeroplane arrived unescorted from Catania, where it stayed for two hours, refuelling. The French and Italian authorities, he added, had shown them every courtesy, and afforded every facility over the whole route.

RECEPTION AT FONTANAROSA.

CATANIA, SICILY, Wednesday.

The Hercules air liner made a two-hour halt at the Fontanarosa air port on its way from Naples to Malta. The British Air Minister was received by the commander of the port and other prominent people, and the Union of Fascist Journalists presented to Lady Maud a bouquet of carnations, tied with ribbons in the Italian and British national colours and with the Fascist emblems. After the British visitors had made a short tour of the town, the air liner resumed its flight to Malta.—(Reuter.)

CAIRO-KARACHI FLIGHT.

ARRIVAL AT BAGDAD.

BAGDAD, Wednesday.

The Hercules air liner, D.H. 66, piloted by Captain Travers and Captain Warner, arrived here this morning from Rutba, after covering a distance of 240 miles in two hours and a quarter. The airmen were surprised to find ice in the middle of the desert. Sir Sefton Brancker left the machine at Bagdad to await the arrival of Sir Samuel Hoare before proceeding to India. After a two-hour halt, the aeroplane continued its journey to Basrah, whence it will return to Cairo on the inauguration of the air mail service. It arrived at Basrah at 3.30 in the afternoon.—(Reuter.)

NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF LOCARNO.

GERMANY AND THE RHINELAND INCIDENTS.

FROM "THE TIMES" CORRESPONDENT.

COLOGNE, Wednesday.

One or two recent incidents in occupied Rhineland hardly give the impression that the spirit of indulgence and moderation, regarded in German quarters as the sequel to Locarno and Thoiry, is being cultivated unduly on the German side. Although the German participants in a brawl which occurred in Mainz recently have been absolved from blame, and the French authorities have undertaken to institute disciplinary measures against the two French soldiers who are alleged to have caused the disturbance, the affair continues to be ventilated in the Press, instead of being forgotten.

As a contrast, a brutal assault committed by Germans on two British soldiers at Idstein, on Christmas Eve, is ignored. It is claimed that the privates were celebrating the festive season, and that there was some provocation on their part; but that is no justification for maltreating two unarmed soldiers in such a fashion that they are still in hospital. Bottles appear to have been broken over the hands and head of one of the unfortunate soldiers. It is impossible not to reflect that, had the position been reversed, and such violence been shown to two Germans, the matter would have been seized on as political capital.—(Per Press Association, copyright.)

MR. COOK COMING HOME.

TALK OF AN ANGLO-SOVIET MINERS' UNITY COMMITTEE.

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.

MOSCOW, Wednesday.

Mr. A. J. Cook and his secretary, Mr. Evans, left here to-day for London.

Mr. Cook was seen off by Dogadoff and Melnitchansky, both of whom are members of the Presidium of the Central Council of the Trade Unions of the Soviet Republic, and all the members of the Central Committee of the Miners' Union, with Schwartz at their head. A member of the Presidium of the Central Committee of the Miners' Union is accompanying Mr. Cook as far as the frontier.

Before leaving, Mr. Cook stated to Press representatives that during his three weeks' stay in Moscow and Leningrad he had learned very precious lessons by getting acquainted with the life and customs of the workers in the Soviet Republic. He said that next May he intends to visit Moscow again for a longer stay.

In the very near future, he added, the fraternal and material relations of the British and Soviet miners would be consolidated by the creation of an Anglo-Soviet Unity Committee. A conference of representatives of miners from both countries was being convoked to decide upon the methods by which the committee would function.

TROTSKY'S FUTURE.

RUSSIAN DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

RIGA, Wednesday.

The Bolshevik Legation at Riga has received word from Moscow that former Commissar Trotsky will receive his appointment to a foreign diplomatic post early in January, as Commissar Stallin is unwilling to permit the leader of the Opposition group to remain in Moscow. It is expected that Trotsky will be appointed to Berlin, the present Berlin representative, M. Krestinski, being transferred to Paris, while M. Rakovski will be appointed to London.

Zinoviev, the former head of the Communist International, will remain in Russia, according to the local Communists here, who report that, unlike Trotsky, Kamenev and Pyatakov, he has no personal following in Russia, and is, therefore, not considered dangerous by the Stallin group.

BUILDING TRADE WAGES.

BRITISH WORKERS' CLAIM.

Over one hundred claims for the "upgrading" of various towns throughout England, entitling building trade workers to higher wages, were submitted to the industry at a meeting held at the Employers' Federation headquarters in London yesterday.

No official statement was made at the close of the meeting. It was, however, intimated that a report embodying the result of the discussions will be presented to a full meeting of the National Joint Council on January 13th next.

HIBERNIAN BANK CLERKSHIPS. Last exam., Sept., 1926. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin:—Messrs. Beglin, Beirne, Carbery, Ffrench, Howley, Jeffers, McCullagh, Mulcahy, O'Brien, O'Connor, Rodgers, Skeffington. BEST RESULT. Oral and Correspondence Classes.—(Advt.)

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED FIRM.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocks at the opening were irregular. The recent reactionary price movements later showed signs of petering out, when strong support, which was forthcoming for U.S. Steel Common and General Motors, led to active covering in other sections of the list. Commission houses probably influenced some of the buying, on the theory that the recent selling had corrected temporarily the overbought position of the market. Trade developments were largely bearish, the weekly carloadings showing a decrease, and the steel trade reviews reporting the production as being downward compared with last year. Heavy buying of Marland Oil and Union Oil of California was associated with merger rumours. Toward the close many stocks fully recovered their early losses and quite a number showed substantial gains, including Allied Chemical, Universal Pipe, U.S. Cast Iron Pipe, Pullman, and Commercial Solvents "B." The market closed firm. Government Bonds strong; Railroad Bonds irregular. The day's sales aggregated 1,660,000 shares.

Money on call closed steady at 5¼ p.c. bid and 5½ p.c. asked. All business was concluded at 5¼ p.c. Sterling exchange firm. Silver unchanged at 54c.

	Wed.	Tues.
Call Money	5½b. 5¼a	5½b. 5¼a
Exchange on Lon.—60 days sight	4.80 15/16	4.80⅞
Do. do. Demand Bills	4.85	4.84⅞
Cable Transfers	4.85⅜	4.85⅛
Do. Montreal	4.85 15/16	4.85¾
Exchange Paris cable	3.96½	3.96¼

Eng. Parity.	Stocks.	Wed	Tues.
105 5/16	U.S. Funded	102¼	102¼
171½	Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe	166	166
104 5/16	Do. Pref.	101¼	101¼
110 7/16	Baltimore and Ohio	107⅛	107
171½	Canadian Pacific	166½	165½
8½	Chicago, Milwaukee, & St. Paul	8¼	8¼
82⅝	Chicago and North-West	80	78½
41⅝	Erie Shares	40⅛	40⅜
55	Erie 1st Preferred	53⅝	53⅛
129⅜	Illinois Central	122½	122½
132⅞	Louisville and Nashville	129	129½
33¼	Missouri, Kansas, and Texas	32⅛	32½
39¾	Missouri Pacific New	38⅛	38⅜
146⅝	New York C'tral & Hudson R.	142⅛	141½
162¼	Norfolk and West Com.	158	158
82⅛	Northern Pacific Com.	79¾	80
58⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	56⅝	56½
97⅛	Reading Shares	94¾	94½
41⅛	Do. Pref.	40⅛	40¼
128⅝	Southern Railway	124⅞	123½
113⅛	Southern Pacific	109⅞	109¼
165⅜	Union Pacific	160¼	160¼
82⅝	Do. Pref.	80⅝	80⅝
149⅝	American Smelt. and Refining	145¼	144⅞
49⅛	Anaconda Copper	48⅞	48
24⅞	Brit.-American Tobacco Coupon	23¾	23¾
112¼	New York Consolidated Gas	109	108¼
86⅞	General Electric (New Stock)	84⅞	84½
173⅛	National Lead	168½	167½
162¾	United States Steel Common	158	156¾
134⅞	Do. Pref.	130½	130
47⅝	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	46	46¾
161 15/16	General Motors (New)	157¼	155⅝
6 11/16	Inter. Mer. Marine Com. Certs.	6½	6¼
39⅛	Do. Pref Certs.	38	37⅛
45 11/16	Shell Ordinary	44⅜	44¾
70	Pan-American Petroleum "B"	68	67¼
20¾	Anglo-American Oil	20⅛	20⅝
29⅞	Shell Union Oil Corp.	29	29⅛
60¾	U.S. Rubber	59	59
50⅞	American Can. (New Stock)	49⅝	50⅛
33½	International Pet. of Canada	32½	32¼
—	Silver Commercial Bars	54	54
	BONDS.		
95⅝	Atch. Top. New 4% Gen. Mort.	92⅞	93
75 15/16	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	73¾	73½
97 9/16	Union Pacific 4% Bonds	94¾	94¾
110 7/16	U.S. Steel 2nd Mort. 5% Bonds	107¼	107½
120¾	U.K 5½ per cent. Bonds, 1929	117¼	117½
107⅝	Do Do. 1937	104½	104½
109 15/16	7 per cent. German Loan	106¾	106½

* Asked; † Ex div.; ‡ Ex interest; ‖ Ex rights.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

Eng. Equiv.	Stocks and Shares.	Closing Prices. Wed.	Mon.
90	Abitibi Power & Paper Co., Ltd.	87½	88
24 7/16	Asbestos Corp. of Canada, Ltd.	23¾	23½
87 15/16	Do. Pref.	85½	85½
107⅝	Brazilian T. L. & P. Co., Ltd.	104⅝	103¾
⅞	Brit. Empire Steel Corp., Ltd.	⅞	⅞
18½	Do. 1st Preference Series B	18	18
2 13/16	Do. 2nd Preference	2¾	2¾
36 15/16	Brompton Pulp & Paper Co., Ltd.	35⅞	35¼
122 7/16	Canada Cement Co., Ltd.	119	118
118 5/16	Canadian Cottons Co., Ltd.	115	115
29 5/16	Canadian Indus. Alcohol Co.	28¼	28⅞
37 1/16	Canada Steamships Lines, Ltd.	36	35¼
—	Do. Preferred	—	—
266 15/16	Con. Mining & Smelt Co. of Canada, Ltd.	258½	259
105 5/16	Dominion Textile Co., Ltd.	102¼	103
114 15/16	Laurentide Co., Ltd.	111¾	110¾
72	Montreal L. H. & P. Consd.	70	70
67⅞	National Breweries, Ltd.	66	65
65 5/16	Price Bros. and Co., Ltd.	63½	65
275 11/16	Shawinigan Water & Power Co.	268	268
105 5/16	Spanish R. P p & P'r Mills, Ltd.	102¼	103
117	Do. Preferred	113¾	114
120⅝	Steel Co. of Canada, Ltd.	117	118

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKETS.

WHEAT—Spot steady, ⅛c. to ½c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	157⅜	157½
No. 2 Red Winter, spot	153⅛	152½
No. 2 Mixed Durum, spot	153⅝	153⅛
No. 1 Northern Manitoba, spot	156¾	156⅝

Futures irregular, ⅛c. up to ½c. higher. Closing options—December, 159⅛; May, 142⅛; July, 135¼. Sales for export—50 boatloads.

RYE steady and ½c. higher. No. 2, spot, 109⅛. Sales for export—Nil.

BARLEY barely steady, ½c. down. American malting, 78½.

MAIZE steady and ½c. down.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Western No. 2 mixed spot	83⅜	84

Sales for export—Nil.

LARD steady and 10 points lower. Prime Western Steam, 12.95; Middle West, 12.75 to 12.85.

FLOUR steady. Spring Clears (100 per cent.), 7.00 to 7.25.

FREIGHTS.

Heavy grain to Great Britain (per quarter), 3/6.
Heavy grain to the Continent (per 100 lbs.), 17c.
Cotton—High density to Great Britain (per 100 lbs.), 50c.
Cotton—Standard bales to Great Britain (per 100 lbs.), 65c.

PETROLEUM steady.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Standard White in cases	19.15	19.15
Standard White in barrels	15.75	15.75
Do. Philadelphia	15.75	15.75
Mid-Continent Crude	33-33.9	33-33.9
Pennsylvania Crude	2.80-3.15	2.80-3.15

RUBBER fairly steady, but quiet. First latex crepe, spot, 38¾ buyers; smoked ribbed sheets, spot, 38¾ buyers, 39 sellers.

BURLAPS firm. Hessian cloth, light-weight 6.65, heavy-weight 9.75.

COFFEE—

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Dec.
To-day	14.52	14.62	14.09	13.64	13.17	12.89
Prev. day	14.45	14.50	13.98	13.53	13.08	12.75

SUGAR—Centrifugal Cuban, spot, steady and unchanged; 96 test Centrifugal Cuban, 5.06. Futures steady, 1 point to 2 points higher. Approximate day's sales—10,000 tons.

Options—	Jan.	Mar.	May	July	Sept.	Dec. (1927)
To-day	3.16	3.25	3.31	3.39	3.43	3.37
Prev. day	3.15	3.24	3.30	3.37	3.42	3.36

Sugar sales at 5.08—29,000 bags of Porto Rican, for shipment during the last half of January; and 20,000 bags of Cuban, for shipment this month.

TALLOW steady. Extra loose, 7¼.

TURPENTINE—Spirits of Turpentine, 85; Savannah Spirits of Turpentine, 77½.

METALS.—Tin steady and 25 points higher. Spot and near-by, 66.75. Future option—Feb., 66.37½. Tin Plates, 5.50. Lead steady and unchanged, 7.80. Zinc steady and unaltered; East St. Louis spot, 7.02½. Pig Iron steady; No. 2 Plain, f.o.b. East Pennsylvania, 22.00 to 22.50; f.o.b. Buffalo, 19.00 to 20.00. Bessemer Steel Rails, 43.

WINNIPEG GRAINS.

WHEAT opened steady, ⅜c. to ¼c. down, and closed steady, ⅝c. down to ¼c. up. Opening options—Dec., 130¾; May, 133¼; July, 132¾. Closing options—Dec., 130⅜; May, 133¾; July, 133¼. Rye steady and ½c. higher. Closing options—Dec., 91⅞; May, 97¼. Oats irregular, ¼c. down to ⅛c. up. Closing options—Dec., 56½; May, 58½. Barley steady, ⅛c. down to unchanged. Closing options—Dec., 64; May, 68¼. Flaxseed barely steady, ¾c. to ⅝c. lower. Closing options—Dec., 183½; May, 190⅞.

Wheat receipts (carlots)	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 1 Northern	25	44
No. 2 Northern	50	111
No. 3 Northern	52	104
No. 4 Northern	43	115
Other grades	842	1,560
Total	1,012	1,934

NEW YORK COTTON.

COTTON opened steady, but 3 to 4 points lower, and closed steady, 7 points up to 1 point down. Spot steady at 5 points decline. New Orleans spot unchanged.

Spot middling upland at New York—12.95.
Spot middling upland at New Orleans—12.63.
Receipts—Atlantic ports, 6,000 bales; Gulf, 37,000; Pacific, 1,000; interior towns, 4,000.
Exports—Great Britain, 20,000 bales; Continent, 12,000; Japan, 3,000.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Wednesday.

WHEAT opened steady, ¼c. up to ⅜c. down. The market eased afterwards on December liquidation, liberal contract deliveries, and a bearish Kansas State crop report, but rallied later owing to reports of a crop shortage in Germany, increased export business, firm cash premiums, and a better foreign demand. The close was steady, with December ⅝c. down and later options ⅛c. to ¼c. dearer. Spot irregular.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
No. 2 Hard Winter, spot	141½	142¼
No. 3 Hard Winter, spot	137½	132

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	136⅞	138⅛	130⅛
Prev. day	140¼	140⅞	132¾

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	136	138⅜	130¼
Prev. day	136⅝	138⅛	130

MAIZE opened steady, ¼c. lower to ¼c. higher. The market closed steady, ⅜c. down to ⅜c. up.

	To-day.	Prev. day.
Spot No. 2 mixed	—	73

Futures—Opening options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	69¼	79⅞	83¼
Prev. day	71⅛	81⅛	84½

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	69⅝	80⅛	83⅜
Prev. day	70	79¾	83

OATS steady, ¼c. to ⅜c. higher.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	45¼	49½	47⅝
Prev. day	45	48⅞	47

RYE steady. Futures ⅝c. down to ½c. up. No. 2 spot, 97.

Futures—Closing options—	Dec.	May	July
To-day	93¾	99½	97½
Prev. day	94⅜	99⅛	97

PROVISIONS—Lard opened steady, but values declined on the lower hog prices and disappointing outside demand. Subsequently, however, the market rallied partially in sympathy with grain and on buying by commission houses, but closed barely steady, with futures 10 to 5 points and spot 12½ points down. Ribs are unchanged to 7½ points lower. Lard—Spot, 12.20.

Lard—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	12.20	12.30	12.50
Prev. day	12.30	12.37½	12.65

Ribs—Closing options—	Dec.	Jan.	May
To-day	—	13.80	13.80
Prev. day	—	13.80	13.87½

BACON continues steady. Short ribbed sides (60lbs. average), 14.25.

HOGS easier, with light sorts 15 to 20 points and heavy 10 points down. Light hogs, 11.25 to 11.80; heavy hogs, 11.40 to 11.85.

	To-day.	Same day last year
Receipts—Western Cities	125,000	151,000
" Chicago	21,000	21,000

Receipts of hogs at fifteen principal Western centres, including Chicago, since the 1st of November, total (amended) 4,784,000, against 5,286,000 same season last year.

IRISHWOMAN'S DEATH ON ELLIS ISLAND.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST OFFICIALS.

NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Charges are made against American immigration officials by Mr. William Tisdell in an article published in a Brooklyn newspaper, in which he refers to the death of his aunt, Mrs. Martha Marshall, an Irishwoman, aged 60, who recently committed suicide on Ellis Island.

Mrs. Marshall, it appears, was a gentlewoman, who had held a position of trust in a Government office in London for 25 years. After an illness she came to America to visit her nephew's family for a needed rest. She had sufficient funds in her possession, amounting to over £60, together with a passport authorising the six months' visit.

"INDIGNITY OF DETENTION."

Mr. Tisdell declares that Mrs. Marshall would never have committed suicide but for the indignity of her detention at Ellis Island, and the exhaustive personal questions to which she was subjected by the immigration officials, who, he states, threatened her with immediate deportation, roughly asserting that the best thing she could do was to go back and enter regularly under the next British quota.—(Reuter.)

[As already announced by Reuter's correspondent, the Immigration Commissioner of Ellis Island states that Mrs. Marshall would undoubtedly have been admitted into the United States under bond to return. He claims, however, that her purpose was to remain in America permanently.]

RECENT WILLS.

A STOCKBROKER'S ESTATE.

Mr. Robert William Elliston, of 5 Manson place, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., formerly of 19 Villiers street, Strand, W.C., and of Gladhill, Leigham Court road, Streatham, S.W., stock and share broker, who died on October 27th last, aged 84 years, left estate of the gross value of £117,799 0s. 6d., with net personalty £111,541 2s. 2d. Probate of his will, dated April 24th, 1923, has been granted to his daughter, Mrs. Ada Muriel Hart, of Oaklands, Addlestone, Surrey, and Barclays Bank, Ltd., of 54 Lombard street, E.C. The testator left £250 each to his daughter, Ada Muriel Hart, and Walter James Payne, solicitor; £15,000 upon trust for his wife for life, with remainder to his residuary estate, and the residue of his property upon trust for his four daughters and their respective issue, in equal shares.

CAPTAIN CHARLES GRANT.

Captain Charles Grant, of The Glen, Forgue, Aberdeenshire, distiller, of the Glendronach Distillery, who saw service in the Great War, and who died on August 3rd last, aged 54 years, left, in addition to considerable real estate, personal estate in Great Britain, valued for probate at £45,313 13s. 8d. Probate of his trust, disposition and settlement, dated March 3rd last, has been confirmed in London, in favour of his daughters, the Misses Harriet Ann McRobie Grant and Helen Smith Grant, both of that address, and Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Grant, or Craib, and her husband, William Craib, of The Firs, 78 Partickhill road, Glasgow, and James Bruce Turnbull, of Smithston, Cartby, Aberdeenshire.

AN ETON MASTER'S ESTATE.

Mr. Henry Elford Luxmoore, M.A., of Baldwins End, Eton, Buckinghamshire, for over forty years a master at Eton, who died on November 11th last, aged 85 years, left unsettled property of the gross value of £37,207 15s. 5d., with net personalty £37,129 17s. 2d. Probate of his will, dated March 31st, 1923, has been granted to his sister, Mrs. Mary Sophia Evans, and his niece, Miss Mary Beatrice Evans, both of Baldwins End, Eton. He left £500 to Eton College, £300 to the Oxford Diocesan Fund, £300 to the Eton Parochial Church Fund, £300 to St. George's Guild, £200 to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, £100 and his interest in Joiners' Hall, Salisbury, to the National Trust for Places of Historic Interest; £50 to his gardener, Stroud; £20 to each indoor servant in his service at his decease, if of three years' service, and £10 for each additional year of service up to a total of £100. He requested his sister—but created no trust in the matter—to distribute mementos of him "to some—only a few—of the many dear and kind friends who have done so much to help me through life and to make me happy in my work and out of it." He left £200 to his niece, Caro Luxmoore, £100 each to his sister, Edith Wilson, and his nephews, Cory Luxmoore and John Luxmoore; £50 each to his niece, Maud Wilson, his nephew Charles de J. Luxmoore, his godchildren Dorothy Mozley and Cuthbert Bowlby; £50 to Charles E. Chambers, and, subject to some other bequests, all his other property to his sister, Mary Sophia Evans, "if she shall have resided with me to the end."

MR. WILLIAM SHARP.

Mr. William Sharp, of Wrangle, Lincolnshire, who died on June 29th last, intestate, left estate of the gross value of £16,831 17s. 2d., with net personalty £4,419 16s. 1d. Letters of administration of his property have been granted to his widow, Mrs. Clare Sharp, and his son, Mr. Charles Sharp, farmer, of Binningham, Lincolnshire.

A RECLUSE'S BEQUEST.

Mr. James Forster Green, of 98 Whitehall road, Gateshead, Durham, who for some years had lived the life of a recluse, and was found dead in his house on October 2nd last, aged 82 years, left property now valued for probate at £4,813 2s. 8d. gross, with net personalty £4,397 9s. 8d. By his will, dated June 20th, 1896, he left all of his property to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. The executors named in the will having both predeceased him, letters of administration, with the will annexed, of his property have been granted to Mr. George Francis Shee, of 22 Charing Cross road, London, W.C., on behalf of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, as residuary legatee.

THE REV. J. H. PEARSON.

The Rev. James Hugh Pearson, of 9 Garville road, Rathmines, Dublin, formerly of Chardstock, All Saints' Rectory, Devon, and vicar of Imber, Wilts, 1885-98, who died on the 30th of September last, aged 90 years, left personal estate in England valued at £1,464 17s. 10d. gross, with net personalty £1,283 13s. Probate of the will, dated 26th January, 1916, has been granted to Hugh Pearson Haughton, of Imber, Grove lane, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, and Miss Constance Winifred Haughton, niece of the deceased. The testator left £50 to his niece, Constance Haughton; £10 10s. to the Universities' Mission to Central Africa; £10 10s. to the National Society; £10 10s. to the Clergy Pensions Institution; and the residue of the property as to one-half in trust for his sister, Mary Margaret Guilliford, for life, and subject thereto for his nephew, Hugh Pearson Haughton, and his niece, Constance Winifred Haughton.

MR. JOSEPH ROSS.

Mr. Joseph Ross, of Roscommon, Co. Down, farmer, who died on the 19th of September last, left personal estate in Great Britain and Northern Ireland valued at £1,075 0s. 7d. Probate of his will, dated 18th April, 1922, has been granted to Richard Heron, of Tierfergus, and Samuel Andrew Peters, of Rathfriland. Subject to a few small legacies, the testator left the residue of his property to his wife.

ENERAL ELECTION.

L PARTIES READY FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

ECRET OF THE DATE.

ROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

fter the breathing space afforded by Christmas holidays, the various politi- parties in the Irish Free State are earing to enter the election campaign eadly earnest, and the end of next ath will see the fight for supremacy in Dail in full swing.

r several weeks before the holidays e was considerable activity on the part Fianna na nGaedheal and the Labour y. Ministers visited several con- encies, where they addressed meetings heard the views of taxpayers. The our Party confined its work largely e formation of local Labour parties, hich there are now 150 in existence, the selection of candidates at con- ency conferences. The National e also held a number of meetings in country, but evidence of the activities People's Party, the Farmers' Party, Fianna Fail were not so apparent.

en will the General Election take place? is important point there is considerable ence of opinion, and, of course, the ties of the parties will be largely de- ned by the date fixed. The last General ion took place on August 27th, 1925. n September 19th, in the same year, the Dail met. The Government, therefore, if it so desires, remain in office until mber 18th next—but not longer. Whether stay for the maximum period "remains lapse of the gods," as it was officially yesterday.

THE PROBABLE COURSE.

signs all point to an election some ther Easter, probably in June or July. well-informed quarters it is thought that Government will introduce its Budget then go to the country on that and the ence of its work for the past four years. General Elections have been held since Free State came into being. The Pro- al Government was established when Treaty was signed, on December 6th, and remained in power until June, 16th, when a General Election took place, ing the pact between the late General n and Mr. de Valera, which implied an al election. The election resulted in the plete triumph of the Treaty candidates. followed in quick succession a series of s which opened up a long period of ar, and threatened the very foundations new State. The Government, however, ed on in the face of many and grave ties until August, 1923, when the Dail solved. The state of the parties at the ction was as follows:—

Government Party	63
Republicans	43
Farmers	7
Labour	14
Independents	11
	128

ing took place on August 27th. All the bers of the old Government were re- ed, the pro-Treaty position being, on considerably strengthened. The new which met on September 19th was made as follows:—

Government Party	63
Republicans	44
Independents	16
Labour	15
Farmers	15
	153

m the last General Election there have n 8 bye-elections, in which the Govern- won 18 seats.

FLUENCE OF THE OLD IRISH HARPERS.

EOPLE'S LOVE OF MUSIC.

Whatever may be the judgment of the ent day on Ireland's place in the musical d, there is no lack of evidence—both ish and foreign—to prove that in ancient es she was pre-eminent in the art. The ral music was inherent in the race, from highest to the lowest; the professional ians were held in every respect, and some- times numbered among them men who be- nged to the ranks of the ruling chiefs. The ing bards, who travelled through the ish Isles and over the Continent, did on to bring about friendly and useful in- course between the nations. As early as eighth century Irish harp players roamed the north of Europe, and as far south as re where they introduced their own ional musical instrument, or, rather, re- d its use. A Florentine writer of much date says that the harp had been known ny before, but had disappeared. About thirteenth century it is recorded that e was a great improvement in the French owing to the visits of the Irish harpers.

THE DAYS OF CAMBRENSIS.

the earliest Irish literature, both pagan Christian, the love of music and its con- cultivation are dwelt on. The *Saltair Rann*, in a description of the expulsion Eden, recounts the sufferings of Adam Eve, giving among the necessities of they lacked proper food, fire, house, or raiment. To the writer to be without music meant misery of a very acute

Even Giraldus Cambrensis, who had a fair word for anything Irish, put in his expression of admiration of Irish harpers, whom he heard in 1185. Neither wars nor hard times interfered with the cultivation of music. There was a early connection between the Welsh and the Irish. Up to the eleventh century the Welsh received instruction in harp and music from Ireland.

IRISH OR SCOTTISH AIRS.

succession of great professional ians maintained their pre-eminence down the seventeenth century. One harper, a man, Mulrony MacCarroll, who perished massacre in 1328, bore the title of "Chief Minstrel of Ireland and Scotland." was said of him that no man ever heard, could hereafter hear, a better harper. In great days of Irish scholarship, pro- s and teachers of music from Ireland in as great demand in foreign countries teachers of literature and philosophy. at a very early date it was usual for Irish ians to make journeys through Scotland, and for many centuries their art was held high honour. In a publication of about ar 1818 it is recorded that within the ory of persons then alive the school for ic and poetry was Ireland. Probably this e explanation of the difficulty in deter- ning the exact origin, whether Irish or ish, of a good many of the airs claimed by these nations.

E WELLINGTON CLUB.

NCE BLUCHER RE-ELECTED.

ince Blucher, a descendant of the famous al, Britain's ally at the battle of terloo, has been re-elected a member of the ington Club, Grosvenor place, London. The re-election took place about a week ago and was unanimous, the Prince being the recipient of considerable personal regard and esteem.

Princess Blucher, before her marriage, was Miss Evelyn Mary Stapleton Bretherton, of Hall, Rainhill, Lancashire. During the war she lived in Berlin, and recounted her experiences in a diary. Her husband served in the German Red Cross.

WELSH COAL FOR EGYPT.

It was reported at Cardiff yesterday that Messrs. Gwilym Owen and Co., coal ex- porters, London, have secured from the Egyptian State Railways an order for the supply of 50,000 tons of Welsh locomotive coal for delivery in next February, March and April. The price was stated to be 36s. per ton f.o.b. Alexandria.

Group taken at the East Galway Hunt Ball in the Town Hall, Portumna, on Tuesday night.

Lady Mary Bridget Parsons, daughter of the fifth Earl of Rosse, at the Meet of the East Galway Hounds at Moorefield Cross yesterday.

Some of the followers of the East Galway Hounds, photographed at Moorefield Cross yesterday. The group includes Mr. A. H. Waller, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Webb, and Mrs. Minchin.

The Rev. John G. O'Reilly, Administrator of the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, whose death occurred yesterday after an operation.

Mr. A. Nesbitt, who has presented a five-valve wireless set to the Richmond Hospital, Dublin.—*Lafayette.*

Captain A. Drought and Mr. Webb, of the Scarteen Black and Tans, out with the East Galway Hounds.

Mr. Davis Kenny.

Flashlight photograph taken last night at the Annual Dinner of the Nursing Staff of Mercer's Hospital, Dublin.

Mr. J. Taylor and Mr. H. M. Read (joint Masters of the Ormond Hounds) out with the East Galway Hounds.

Group taken yesterday at the Annual Congress, in Mallow, of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Society.

BELVEDERE COLLEGE UNION.

SUCCESSFUL CINDERELLA DANCE.

There was an attendance of 575 people at the Belvedere College Union Cinderella dance held in the Metropole Ballroom, Dublin, last night. The ballroom was decorated with the black and white colours of the college. Carnival novelties were distributed during the evening. The exhibitions of the waltz, Charleston, Tango, and Fox-trot, given by Mr. Maxwell Stewart and Miss Pat Sykes, were very much appreciated. The Gwen-Rogers' (Romany Players) Dance Band was at its best, as was also the Rogers-May Dance Band.

The dance committee are to be congratulated on the success attending their efforts.

Among those present were:—Judge Devitt, Surgeon Keegan, Mr. J. G. O'Connor, Mr. T. E. Dunne (Hon. Secretary), Mr. J. Mcleady, Mr. E. Geary (Assistant Secretary), Mr. E. G. Guise-Brown (Hon. Treasurer, Dance Committee), Mr. G. J. Joyce, Deputy-Commissioner Coogan, Miss M. Nugent, Miss S. Nugent, Miss E. Maughan, Miss P. Bowe, Miss Vera Long, Miss M'Cabe, Mr. L. Kirlan, Mr. Hugh O'Donnell, Carlow; Mr. J. Dunne, Mr. J. O'Connor, Miss O'Connor, Miss M. Dunne, Miss I. Morrey, Miss C. Murray, Dr. Coleman O'Doherty, Dr. P. O'Doherty, Miss A. O'Doherty, Mr. D. J. Byrne, the Misses Neary, Mr. and Mrs. W. Costelloe, and Mr. W. P. Cleshansha.

Desiring to see Father Christmas, a little Portsmouth lad, named George William John Hart, was in the act of lighting the gas with a candle when his flannelette pyjamas caught fire, death following from shock and burns.

DUXFORD COURTS-MARTIAL.

SENTENCES ON ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICERS.

Sentences have been promulgated in the cases of the five officers stationed at Duxford Aerodrome, Cambridgeshire, who during November last were charged before courts-martial with irregularities in connection with the officers' mess and the sergeants' mess accounts at the station.

It was announced in the *London Gazette* of Tuesday that Flying Officer Harold Scott Davidson had been dismissed the service.

Last night it was officially stated that the remaining four officers had been dealt with as follows:—

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Clunie Randal, D.F.C.—To be dismissed the service.

Flight Lieutenant Cyril Richard Smythe—Severe reprimand and forfeiture of 104 places in the gradation list of the Royal Air Force.

Flight Lieutenant Philippe André de Fontenay, D.F.C.—To be cashiered.

Pilot Officer James Edward Welman—Forfeiture of seniority, as if it bore the date August 10, 1926, and to be severely reprimanded.

CORPORATION MALE CLERKSHIPS.

Exam. announced for 10th March. 8 Vacancies. Our Students obtained 5 Successes at the last exams. Special Classes now forming. McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Gardiner's row, Dublin.—(Advt.)

BRITISH 4 P.C. CONSOLIDATED LOAN.

TERMS OF ISSUE.

The British 4 p.c. Consolidated Loan prospectus is published to-day. The Bank of England will receive subscriptions. The price of issue is £85 p.c., so that the flat return to an allottee is £4 14s. 1d. The loan is redeemable at par on or after 1st February, 1957, but the Treasury undertakes, so long as the price of the loan is at or under par to apply monies at the rate of £2,500,000 during each quarter year to purchases in the market for cancellation. A novel point is that all dividend warrants for £5 or under will be sent without deduction of income tax, except in cases where instructions to the contrary are given by the Inland Revenue authorities. Applications must be for £50 or even multiples thereof, and no allotments will be made for a less amount than £50.

The conversion offers are:—

1.—£117 15s. of 4 p.c. Consolidated Loan for each £100 of 5 p.c. Treasury Bonds, due 1st February, 1927.

2.—£124 5s. of 4 p.c. Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal 5 p.c. National War Bonds, due 1st October, 1927; and

3.—£119 of 4 p.c. Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal of 4 p.c. National War Bonds, due 1st October, 1927.

The return on the amount of 4 p.c. Consol. Stock in the first case is £4 14s. 2¼d.; in the case of the second £4 19s. 4½d., and in the third £4 14s. 4½d.

Holdings may be surrendered in whole or in part. All stock inscribed or registered in the books of the Bank of Ireland in Dublin or Belfast must be surrendered at the head offices in Dublin or Belfast. All bearer bonds must be surrendered at the Bank of England Loans Office in London. Applications for cash will be closed on or before January 6, 1927, and conversion applications will be closed on or before Friday, January 14, 1927. The Post Office issues of the Treasury Bond and National War Bonds will be convertible at the Post Office under arrangements set forth in a separate prospectus.—(Page 9).

COLLAPSE ON THE STAGE.

Miss Jean Gibson collapsed during the O'Mara Opera Company's performance of "Faust" in the Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool, on Tuesday night, and her place was taken by Miss Irene Vaughan.

Miss Gibson, who was cast as Marguerite, was taken ill suddenly before the performance, and there was doubt whether she would be able to appear. She insisted on playing her part, however, and proceeded well up to the Jewel Song in the garden scene.

While singing the introduction to the famous song, Miss Gibson, in a fainting condition, staggered to the wings, where she collapsed.

The precaution of having a fully-costumed understudy in waiting had been taken, and on Miss Gibson's collapse she immediately took the stage and completed the song amidst tremendous applause.

L. AND N.E.R. MISHAP.

PORTION OF GOODS TRAIN DERAILED.

The last three trucks of a goods train passing through Northallerton, on the main down-line of the London and North-Eastern Railway Company's system yesterday became derailed, and the permanent way was torn up for a distance of seventy-five yards before the train was stopped. An express passenger train was standing in Northallerton Station on the up-platform at the time of the derailment, and the driver, by sounding the whistle of his engine, gave warning to the goods train driver that something was amiss, and caused him to pull up his train. All traffic through Northallerton had to be worked on a single main up-line, and, in consequence, all trains to the north and south were very much delayed.

FIRE ON BRITISH STEAMER.

A Lloyds telegram from Dar-es-Salaam, of yesterday's date, says:—The British steamer City of Edinburgh, in the harbour with a cargo of petroleum, is on fire. The fire broke out in No. 2 hold this morning, and the forward holds are being flooded. A later message reports the position improved, and it is believed that the fire is under control. The damage is confined principally to the cargo, but an inspection is not yet possible.

The City of Edinburgh is bound from New York to Mombasa.

ENGLISH POST OFFICE WORKERS' CLAIMS.

The Labour Correspondent of *The Times* says:—The long-pending claims of Post Office workers for increases of wages are to come before the Industrial Court on January 10. The Postmaster-General is making a counter-claim for a reduction of the scales of pay, but only in respect of new entrants to the service. The estimated cost of the new demands is six million pounds a year.

RAILWAY FARES.

A statement that, following the new duties on 'buses and heavy vehicles, British railway passenger fares will be increased concurrently with any increase in road transport fares is declared by the Railway Companies' Association to be absolutely without foundation. The railway companies, it is stated, have no intention of raising passenger fares, which will remain at their present level, unless altered by the Railway Rates Tribunal.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE.

FAVOURITES FAIL.

LONE WOLF CAUGHT ON THE POST.

CORAZON'S EASY WIN.

From a Travelling Correspondent.

CHELTENHAM, Wednesday Night.

When the sun shines there are few more pleasant places to enjoy racing than the Cheltenham course at Prestbury Park. Set in one of the most picturesque spots in the Cotswold Hills, the course is in a natural amphitheatre, and every incident can be seen from the spacious stands. Fair weather favoured the one-day fixture held here to-day, and with the going in good order, a capital day's sport was provided. After beating a lot of very tired horses over the three miles of the Charlton Selling Handicap Steeplechase Court Scandal II. was bought in for 115 guineas. Someday, the favourite, was beaten at the end of two miles, where Court Scandal took up the running, never to be seriously threatened afterwards.

A cleverly-timed finish by J. Hamey on Boyne Water enabled him to score a local triumph for Mr. G. R. Lawrence, when he beat young Mr. Payne on the favourite, Lone Wolf, in the Malvern Selling Hurdle. Lone Wolf had run through his horses quite fast to take the lead at the last hurdle, but his jockey misjudged the uphill finish, and got caught on the post.

NO RISKS TAKEN.

His experience in the previous race was of benefit to Mr. W. Payne, jun., when he had the mount on Corazon in the Cheltenham Amateur Riders' Handicap Steeplechase, and he took no risks after landing clear over the last obstacle, riding his horse home hard to score by half a dozen lengths from Tipperary Tim, who had stuck grimly to him between the last two fences. Here's Hoping broke down, and was dismounted. Connolly's Folly, Tipperary Tim, Prince Cadmus, and Corazon had figured prominently for the first mile and two furlongs, when Polynia was beaten. Then Connolly's Folly and Tipperary Tim flattered, but Corazon had taken the measure of them coming to the bend, and he went on to win easily.

The race for the Evesham Three-Year-Old Hurdle was full of incident, but not the sort that backers would appreciate, as two outsiders finished first and second. Although not actually favourite, Actrix was a very strong local tip, and she certainly looked like winning until she blundered, and sprawled on landing over the third hurdle from home. Lucky Toy, the favourite, who was then left in front, did the same at the next obstacle, leaving Golden Chain in the lead, and Templeman's horse looked a certainty when he jumped the last flight very badly. Bob Stone, left in front, struggled gamely enough up the hill, but he was dead beat, and Cylgate, very ably ridden by her trainer, J. L. Ward, got up in the last few strides to win an exciting race by a neck.

OUTSTAYED AND OUTJUMPED.

There appeared to be some doubt about Roman Road staying up the hill at the finish in the Leckhampton Novices' Steeplechase, but, despite very strong local support for Agincourt, who started favourite, Butchers's horse hardened from 5 to 1 to 7 to 2, and confounded all his critics by doing just what they said he would not do, as he outjumped and outstayed Animated and the forcing Agincourt in the last half-mile, and beat them handsomely in the end.

A good day's racing was brought to a conclusion with a field of thirteen in the Amateur Riders' Hurdle Race, which Icarus, always well placed, won in hollow style from the favourite, Flaith Mor. Prince Regent, who receded in the market, fell at half-way, and Walton's Choice slipped up at the turn for home, fortunately without injury to either jockey or horse.

THE NEWBURY CARD.

A two-day fixture opens to-morrow at Newbury. The Reading Steeplechase is the leading item in the first day's card, and has attracted a number of very promising young horses. It may at once be recognised that Bokhara is penalised out of it. On their running on the first of this month Glen Andred should account for Border Ranger, who deputises for Librarian, but he fell ten days ago at Hurst Park, when odds were wagered on his winning a similar sort of race. Border Ranger has not fallen in public, and is strongly fancied this time; but, upon the principle that what a horse has once accomplished he is capable of repeating, I give Glen Andred a slight preference over his Findon rival.

Another attractive item in this programme is the Didcot Hurdle Race, which, in view of a much more valuable affair and an apparently easier task at Manchester on Monday next, Blaris will miss. Peeping Tom's Sandown form behind Melrush is not encouraging for this journey. The Ock and Tuscan have chances, but Ormuzd must be the choice.

Some of the best of the middle-class steeplechasers are nominated for the United Services Race. Woodland can saddle a promising candidate that is certain to be well schooled and ridden, but Mitchells and Hawker will require a deal of beating, and the latter may be good enough.

FORM HORSES.

NEWBURY.

1. 0—Bright Blue.
1.30—Mizzen Mast.
2. 0—Glen Andred.
2.30—Ormuzd, nap.
3. 0—Fairy Hill II.
3.30—Friar Wile.

Eclipse.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette:—To-day's best—Border Ranger. Double—Border Ranger and Ormuzd.

Daily Express:—Safety bet — Border Ranger (each way). Double—Border Ranger and Friar Wile.

Daily Mirror:—Double — Border Ranger (nap) and Zarane.

Daily Sketch:—Double—Glen Andred and Commander Smith.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

MANCHESTER MEETING.

Chorlton Handicap Hurdle Race—Blue Anchor, The Monk, Windswept.

Manchester engagements—Black Miner.

Manchester Handicap Steeplechase—The Gosling.

NEWBURY MEETING.

Reading Steeplechase—Socrates.

Didcot Handicap Hurdle—Windswept.

Juvenile Hurdle Race—Fond Memories.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Welsh Derby, Chepstow, and Welsh St. Leger, Chepstow—Touring Prince.

Reigate Handicap Hurdle, Gatwick, and Staffordshire Handicap Hurdle, Birmingham—Windswept.

Evesham Hurdle, Cheltenham, and Four-Year-Old Hurdle, Gatwick—Fond Memories.

Imperial Produce Stakes, Kempton Park—Tantrum, Derelict, and Bramarbas.

All engagements—Charlton III. (dead), Coquelicot (dead), and Greenspan.

CURRAGH TRAINING NOTES.

THE CURRAGH, Wednesday.

A fine morning.

BEHAN'S Royal Vanity, Gold Call, Breaker, Lasso, Parkgate, Khedive and the yearlings cantered.

BRABAZON'S Ballyfinaghy went two miles on the flat.

COOMBE'S Duleek, Belsey Belle, Sacrestat, Ceylonese, Carlovia, P's and Q's, Royal Times and the yearlings had healthy exercise.

DOYLE'S Tranquillate, Merrie Memories, Minnetonka, Denis Orb, Missy Orb and others of the team were usefully employed.

HARTIGAN'S Clough Ard, South Pole went a mile and a half.

PERRY'S Maureen M., The Kid, Knocklong Boy, Blue Look Out and Mohcahus had healthy exercise.

PARKINSON'S Lomond's Lake, O May and Grosvenor Happy Boy galloped a [illegible] and a half over hurdles.

HUNTING NOTES.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HOUNDS.

Peafield was the fixture for these hounds on Monday, 27th December. The first draw was the covert near the house, and, as usual, it was not blank. The fox was viewed going away towards the River Nore, and McCarthy soon had the pack on the line, but scent proved very catchy. He turned right-handed on reaching the river bank, and faced as if for Westfield, and, skirting by Knockbrack covert, crossed Mr. Bennett's farm into Miss Roe's land. Here he bent right-handed up the hill, and ran on to the Castletown-Pike road, where we lost him. Our next draw was Knockbrack, but there was only a stale line here; the fox evidently had slipped away on hearing hounds earlier in the day. Then jogged on to Colonel Harding's bog, where after a short time a fox broke at the far end. Scent had now improved, and at a nice pace hounds hunted over Mr. Justin's farm, on by Mr. Costigan's, and through Mr. Thompson's plantations. Here the fox turned left-handed through the Castle farm, but when near the Pike-Borris road he was headed, and, swinging sharp to the left, ran through Ballytassna and close by Nore View House. He then turned right and made straight for Peafield covert, but hounds soon pushed him out, and after a ring round they pulled him down, after an enjoyable fifty minutes.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

December.	Meet.	Hour.
Friday, 31st	Palmerstown	1.30
THE KILDARE.		
To-day	Ballyhook Gate	11. 0
January.		
Saturday, 1st	Enfield	11. 0
THE MEATH.		
To-day	Dunsany	11. 0
Friday, 31st	Bellinter	11. 0

STRABANE HARRIERS.—January—Saturday, 1st, Carricklee (by invitation), 12.0; Wednesday, 5th, Sion; Saturday, 8th, Tober-Shannon road; Wednesday, 11th, Mr. G. Irwin's, Carnone; Saturday, 15th, Urney Meetinghouse; Wednesday, 19th, Churchminster; Saturday, 22nd, Victoria Bridge; Wednesday, 25th, Doohan Cross-roads; Saturday, 29th, Mr. M'Kee's Corner. At 12.30 p.m.

CLARE HOUNDS—January—Tuesday, 4th, Newmarket; Friday, 7th, Quin; Tuesday, 11th, Crusheen; Friday, 14th, Bunratty; Monday, 17th, Dangan Cross; Friday, 21st, Cahirbane Gate; Tuesday, 25th, Hurlers' Cross; Friday, 28th, Barefield. At 11.30 o'clock.

TIPPERARY HOUNDS — January — Saturday, 1st, Longfield. At 11 o'clock.

QUEEN'S COUNTY HOUNDS — December 31st — Hunt Ball, Emo Court. January — Tuesday, 4th, Srah Cross-roads; Friday, 7th, Ironmills; Tuesday, 11th, Clonoghill Cross-roads (for the Derrics); Friday, 14th, Kilmorony. At 11 o'clock.

ISLAND HOUNDS — January—Tuesday, 4th, Ashton Cross-roads; Friday, 7th, Newlands; Monday, 10th, Shrule Cross-roads; Wednesday, 12th, Solsboro'; Saturday, 15th, Buffer's Alley; Tuesday, 18th, Camolin; Friday, 21st, Raheenduff; Monday, 24th, Ballinatray Bridge; Wednesday, 26th, The Ballagh; Saturday, 29th, Scarawalsh. At 10.45 o'clock.

CO. GALWAY (THE BLAZERS)—The Point-to-Point Meeting has been fixed for Thursday, April 7th, subject to approval of I.N.H.C. Committee.

BALLYMACAD—The Point-to-Point Races will be held at Crosskiel on Tuesday, 29th March, 1927.

KILKENNY HOUNDS—January—Monday, 3rd, Five-Mile Stone (Dublin road); Wednesday, 5th, Ballyfacey Cross roads; Friday, 7th, Foyle Bridge; Saturday, 8th, Windgap; Monday, 10th, Mullinavat (West); Wednesday, 12th, Parade, Kilkenny (collection for Earl Haig's Fund for Irish ex-Service men); Thursday, 13th, Rosbercon; Friday, 14th, Ballykeefe; Tuesday, 18th, Dunmore; Wednesday, 19th, Glenpipe; Friday, 21st, Kilrush House; Saturday, 22nd, Mount Juliet. At 11 o'clock.

NAAS HARRIERS—December—Friday, 31st, Naas. January—Monday, 3rd, Leckagh; Friday, 7th, Ladytown Cross; Monday, 10th, Old Kilcullen; Friday, 14th, Clane; Monday, 17th, Ballyshannon; Friday, 21st, Punchestown. At 12 o'clock.

OUTSIDERS SCORE AT CHELTENHAM.

CORAZON'S EASY VICTORY.

1.0—CHARLTON SELLING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 150 sovs. 3 m.

Mr. C. B. Harvey's b. g. COURT SCANDAL II., by King's Proctor—Royal Welsh, a. 12-3 ... W. Gurney 1
Lieut.-Colonel M. Lindsay's P.S., a. 10-0 ... Mr. D. Thomas 2
Captain R. M. Thompson's SOMEDAY, a. 11-5 ... W. Stott 3

Also ran:—Phantom Willie (M. Connors), Castleblake (Mr. M. Hutton), Ballymackney (F. Gurney), The Snipe IV. (R. Read), Greenogue (W. O'Neill), Benbow (E. Foster), Lady Bramshot (R. Pulford). Off 1.3. (Winner trained by R. Payne.)

Betting—7 to 4 agst. Someday, 3 to 1 COURT SCANDAL II., 5 to 1 each Greenogue and The Snipe IV., 10 to 1 Ballymackney, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by ten lengths; five lengths. Greenogue was fourth and The Snipe IV. last.

The winner was bought in for 115 guineas.

1.30—MALVERN SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. G. R. Lawrence's b. g. BOYNE WATER, by Ulster King—Fairy Music, a. 10-1 ... J. Hamey 1
Mr. M. Dollar's LONE WOLF, a. 10-10 ... Mr. W. Payne, jun. 2
Mr. P. Woodland's HOLY FOOKS, a. 11-1 ... M. Connors 3

Also ran:—Pivotal (Cheshire), King's Pleasure (E. Foster), Pommel (T. Griffiths), Doran's Rocks (Owner), Pictina (J. Cook), Ridgeway (W. Stott). Off 1.35. (Winner trained by Owner.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Lone Wolf, 5 to 2 Pommel, 5 to 1 Pivotal, 10 to 1 King's Pleasure, 100 to 8 BOYNE WATER or any other.

Won by half a length; four lengths. Pivotal was fourth and King's Pleasure last.

There was no bid for the winner.

2.0—CHELTENHAM AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. and a few yards.

Major P. Barrett's ch. g. CORAZON, by Charles O'Malley—Noramac, a. 11-5 ... Mr. W. Payne, jun. 1
Mr. H. S. Kenyon's TIPPERARY TIM, a. 10-7 ... Mr. G. Owen, jun. 2
Mr. J. A. Fairhurst's GUTTER SNIPE, a. 11-5 ... Mr. S. Dennis 3

Also ran:—Connolly's Folly (Owner), Corfe Castle (Mr. D. Thomas), Prince Cadmus (Mr. H. Brown), Dark Dragon (Mr. R. Gubbins), Charles Peace (Owner), Rockmeadow (Owner), Attaboy (Mr. K. Goode), Here's Hoping (Mr. W. West), Polynia (Mr. P. Dennis), Ballycapple (Mr. R. Eaton), Golden Fleece (Owner), Camperdown (Capt. Gessage), Kilgubbin (Mr. Donner). Off 2.3. (Winner trained by Barrett.)

Betting—2 to 1 agst. Connolly's Folly, 7 to 2 Prince Cadmus, 9 to 2 Gutter Snipe, 10 to 1 each CORAZON, Here's Hoping, Polynia, and Camperdown; 100 to 7 any other.

Won by six lengths; a short head. Prince Cadmus was fourth, and Charles Peace last.

2.30—EVESHAM THREE YEARS OLD HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 1½ m.

Mr. A. Andrews's b. f. CYLGATE, by Cylgad—Lydgate, 10-5 ... J. L. Ward 1
Mr. R. E. Morell's BOB STONE, 11-3 ... J. Hamey 2
Mr. F. Templeman's GOLDEN CHAIN, 10-5 ... R. Pulford 3

Also ran:—Lucky Toy (H. Beary), Glenholt (P. Williams), Actrix (G. Goswell), Consort (C. Johnson), Gin and Tonic (W. Parvin), Wyndcliff (W. Stott), Hasty Countess (Mr. D. Thomas), Air Commodore (E. Foster), Poligar (E. Knight), Golden Buckles (A. J. Smith). Off 2.30. (Winner trained by J. L. Ward.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Lucky Toy, 5 to 2 Actrix, 6 to 1 Golden Chain, 10 to 1 Glenholt, 100 to 7 CYLGATE or any other.

Won by a neck; half a length. Glenholt was fourth, and Air Commodore last.

3.0—LECKHAMPTON NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE of 200 sovs. 2 m. and a few yards.

Mr. R. Mealings's b. g. ROMAN ROAD, by Marcus—Tit Willow, 5, 11-4 ... W. Speck 1
Sir E. Wills's ANIMATED, 6, 11-7 ... W. Parvin 2
Mr. J. Graeme-Thomson's AGINCOURT, 6, 11-7 ... R. Foster 3

Also ran—Fairy Priestess (S. Gorst), Attempt (Owner), Rampant (M. Nolan), The Temple II. (W. Stott), George Crag (J. Hamey), Santona (J. Moloney), Tuskar (Capt. McMullen), Lutoi (G. Goswell), Fairly Quick (F. Brookes), Maxfli (D. Quirke), Alliteration (Hon. H. Grosvenor). Off 3.2. (Winner trained by Butchers.)

Betting—11 to 8 agst. Agincourt, 7 to 2 ROMAN ROAD, 5 to 1 Maxfli, 8 to 1 each Santona and Lutoi, 100 to 8 any other.

Won by four lengths; five lengths. Alliteration was fourth, and Fairly Quick last.

3.30—AMATEUR RIDERS' HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 100 sovs. 2 m.

Mr. A. Mitchell's gr. g. ICARUS, by Royal Canopy—Unfortunate, 6, 10-5 ... Mr. T. Mitchell 1
Mr. H. J. Bruton's FLAITH MOR, 5, 12-0 ... Mr. S. Dennis 2
Mr. R. Benton's LITTLE BUFFET, a. 11-0 ... Owner 3

Also ran—Snow Crest (Owner), Rory's Glen (Mr. R. Gubbins), Park House (Mr. P. Dennis), Young Pole (Mr. R. Eaton), Prince Regent (Mr. H. Smyth, jun.), Teviot (Mr. W. Payne, jun.), Marmot (Mr. T. Griffiths), Blue Anchor (Mr. R. Bennett), Manister Field (Hon. H. Grosvenor), Nino (Mr. Barry), Gappie (Mr. D. Stewart), Walton's Choice (Mr. Everett). Off 3.31. (Winner trained by T. Mitchell.)

Betting—9 to 4 agst. Flaith Mor, 7 to 2 Prince Regent, 5 to 1 ICARUS, 6 to 1 Snow Crest, 7 to 1 Little Buffet, 100 to 7 any other.

Won by four lengths; two lengths. Blue Anchor was fourth and Gappie last.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Irish XV. in London.

The majority of the Irish Rugby XV. and the officials of the I.R.F.U. completed the first stage of their journey to Paris yesterday. Favoured with an excellent crossing from Kingstown, they reached the Euston Hotel, London, last evening. Here they were joined by J. D. Clinch, D. J. Cussen and the two Southern members of the team, M. Bradley and C. J. Hanrahan, the last-named travelling as substitute. J. B. Ganly will join them at Victoria this morning, and they are due in Paris this afternoon.

Critics and Criticism.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by a special meeting of the Institute of Journalists at Edinburgh yesterday, recording, on behalf of the Press generally and of the working journalists particularly concerned, a protest against what was described as "the unjustifiable action" of the Heart of Midlothian Football Club, Edinburgh, in withdrawing from the Edinburgh evening newspapers facilities accorded everywhere to Press representatives, and declaring that the criticism of the club expressed in those newspapers had been impartial and well informed.

Sporting Club de Paris.

Miss Eileen Bennett, who is playing in the Christmas tournament on the covered courts of the Sporting Club de Paris, yesterday, won her first round match against Mlle Beauge, 6-3, 6-2.

In the third round of the Mixed Doubles, Michard and Miss Bennett beat Thierry and Mlle Baujan, 6-1, 6-4. Mrs. Macready, partnered by Raisin, was beaten in the quarter finals by Borotra and Mlle Deve, who won 6-4, 6-2.

Borotra won his way into the Singles semi-final by defeating the young player, Christian Boussus, 6-4, 6-3. Boussus, who is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger Frenchmen, put up a very fine fight.

South African Tour.

The South African women's hockey team should reach Southampton on Monday next, and, travelling to Weston-super-Mare, will take part in the tournament there. Welsh and English fixtures occupy the month of January, and on February 5th they play Scotland in Edinburgh. Two days later they meet Leinster in Dublin, and on February 9th the international against Ireland in Belfast.

Wimbledon Plans.

The old Oxford "Blue," Mr. F. R. Burrow, will have charge of the lawn tennis championships at Wimbledon next year—starting on June 20th—and Mr. E. U. Story will be assistant referee. Major D. R. Larcombe, Secretary of the All-England Club, announces that the stitched ball will be used.

Duncan Beaten 7 and 5.

George Duncan (England) was beaten by 7 and 5 by Harry Cooper (El Sereno) in a 72 holes exhibition match at Los Angeles yesterday. At the end of the first half Cooper led by five holes. Play was resumed yesterday after an interval of several days.

New Forward for Rangers.

Glasgow Rangers yesterday signed on William Hair, of the Boness Club. Playing as a junior for a few months with Newton Grange Star, Hair went to Broxburn United as a centre forward, and then was brought out in his proper position as an outside right by Boness, with whom he has been for a season and a half.

GOLF.

CLUB NOTICES AND REPORTS.

FOXROCK—Four ball—G. P. G. Beckett and A. H. Porter, 5 up; W. H. Cooper and D. Beatty, 4 up. Mixed foursomes—Mrs. Craig and F. B. Craig, 3 down; Miss Lemass and P. R. Barry, 4 down; Miss Phelps and D. Beatty, 5 down.

ROYAL DUBLIN—January 1st—January medal, bogey.

BRAY—December 26th—9 holes, for Caddy Boot Fund (62 cards were taken out)—J. Brett, 2 up. December 27th (38 cards were taken out)—J. Flinn (9), 35½; J. O'Connor (10½), 36½. January 1st—Monthly medal for December.

GRANGE—St. Stephen's Day—Class I.—P. Baker (10), 73. Class II.—E. O'Nolan (19), 72. Four ball—J. A. Trotter and T. W. Rogers, 2 up; G. B. Haughton and C. S. Stronach, 2 up.

MALAHIDE (Ladies' Branch)—The December semi-open foursomes were won by Miss K. Curran and Miss Courtenay (15) with 9 down. January 4th—Medal, strokes.

ST. ANNE'S—27th December, 18 holes, strokes—J. O'Loughlin, 75 net; 28th December, 18 holes, strokes, foursomes—P. H. Kenny and E. Murray, 73. Ladies' Section. January medal, 9 holes, 2nd January.

GREYSTONES—Ladies' Branch—Monthly medal—Miss D. Oulton (13), 3 up; Miss M. FitzGibbon (5), 4 down; Miss N. Oulton (10), 4 down; Mrs. R. H. Owen (11), 4 down; Miss A. Deverell (23), 4 down.

NATIONAL ARMY SPORTS.

FIXTURES ARRANGED.

At a meeting of the G.H.Q. Command Council (A.A.A.) Major T. McGrath presiding, the position regarding outstanding fixtures in the Command Hurling and Football Leagues was discussed. One of the principal difficulties in the way was the elimination of the No. 7 or McKee group within the Command. It was decided that in future the units comprising this group be known as No. 5 (b) group, for the purposes of having the outstanding fixtures concluded. No. 5 group team to be known as 5 (a).

The following fixtures were made:—No. 5 (a) v. Artillery—Hurling and Football—Hurling at Phoenix Park, 5th January, 2.30; football at Kildare, 12th January.

No. 5 (b) v. Island Bridge—Hurling at Phoenix Park, 12th January, 2.30.

The position of cross-country running in the Command was referred to and important suggestions made to give an impetus to this branch of sport. It was decided to organise a run under the auspices of No. 5 group, and to be held on 15th January from McKee Barracks, at 1.30.

The training of boxers in the various groups of the Command was fully dealt with and the question of a trainer will be considered later.

The annual convention for the Command will be held at G.H.Q. on 24th January, at 6 o'clock, and the 18th January was fixed as the last date for receiving nominations and motions.

The finals of the Medical Services Cup (football) and the Chaplain's Cup (hurling), which were previously fixed for Maryborough, have been changed to Croke Park, as follows:—

Hurling final—20th Battalion (Kilkenny) v. 4th Battalion (Castlebar), Croke Park, January 26th.

Football final—23rd Battalion (Dublin) v. 18th Battalion (Cork), 19th January.

MOTOR CYCLING.

UNIVERSITY TRIAL RESULTS.

The following awards have been made by the Dublin University Motor Cycle Club on their open reliability trial on Monday last:—

First Class (100 per cent.)—H. G. Tyrrell Smith, 346 c.c. Royal Enfield; C. V. B. Cooke, 499 c.c. Rudge and sidecar.

Second Class (95 per cent.)—J. A. Carvill, 499 c.c. Triumph; H. D. Walsh, 348 c.c. Rover; E. H. Monders, 346 c.c. Enfield.

Third Class (85 per cent.)—F. E. Holmes, 494 c.c. Triumph; E. W. O'Sullivan, 496 c.c. Scott; G. G. Briggs, 490 c.c. Montgomery and sidecar; S. Healy, 493 c.c. B.S.A. and sidecar.

BALDOYLE RACES,
SATURDAY NEXT.
FIRST RACE ... 1.15.

MEMBERS' BADGES FOR SEASON COMMENCING JANUARY 1st.
Are now obtainable from Mr. D. MANGAN, 63 Dawson street, Dublin.

GENTLEMEN'S BADGES STRICTLY NON-TRANSFERABLE.

These Badges obtain admission to all Stands (a reserve portion for the Stewards excepted), Enclosures, etc., and are available for all Race Meetings held at Baldoyle during 1927 (ten days' racing).

"A" BADGE, £5, admits One Gentleman.
"B" BADGE, £7, admits One Gentleman and Two Ladies.

RESERVED MOTOR ENCLOSURE.
Gentlemen will be entitled to have their Motors admitted Free to the Reserved Motor Enclosure on showing Membership Badge and giving the number to the Gatekeeper.

DAILY STAND CHARGES
(Tax Included.)

		£	s.	d.
Members' Enclosure,	Gentleman	1	0	0
do.	Lady	0	7	6
Grand Stand,	Gentleman	0	15	0
do.	Lady	0	5	0
Reserved Motor Enclosure		0	2	0

—(Advt.)

NEWBURY.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

Theale Steeplechase—Palatial.
Yatesbury Hurdle—Simon's Light; if absent, Zarane.
Reading Steeplechase—Glen Andred or Border Ranger.
Didcot Hurdle—Ormuzd.*
United Services Steeplechase—Hawker.
Juvenile Hurdle Race—Friar Wile.
DOUBLE—Ormuzd and Friar Wile.

1.0—THEALE SELLING HANDICAP 'CHASE of 150 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £50. 2 m. 50 yds.

WATERFORD GLASS II. (Mrs. G. Pease) Pease a 12 7
FITZPICTON (Mr. R. Huggett) Anthony a 12 4
GUTTER SNIPE (Mr. R. C. Huggett) Hastings a 12 2
THE HEIR (Mrs. G. Pease) Pease a 12 1
FLEECY WAVE (Mr. R. Fitch) Poole a 12 1
PROSPERITZ (Mr. J. Connolly) Pigott a 11 7
GOFFEE (Capt. R. E. Sassoon) Owner a 11 7
SOMEDAY (Capt. R. Thompson) Scott a 11 5
GLENGARRY II. (Mr. C. March) a 11 4
HEATHENCOTE (Mr. C. I. Smith-Ryland) R. Payne a 11 3
SAFE IN BED (Mr. J. Bayliss) Hackett a 11 1
DUTCH DOLL (Mrs. Woolsey) Stanley a 11 1
BRIGHT BLUE (Mr. Wilmot) Poole a 11 1
SKYWAVE (Mr. W. Philip) Philip, jun. 5 11 0
TIM (Mr. J. W. Wood) Stanley a 10 11
GLENAPP (Mr. G. Reed) R. Payne 6 10 11
COMMANDER SMITH (Maj. F. A. S. Moore) E. Doyle a 10 9
SQUIRE MARTEN (Capt. Powell) Owner a 10 9
PALATIAL (Mr. R. J. Read) Petre a 10 8
BROKEN WAND (Miss H. M. Bullow) Whitelaw a 10 4
GREVISK (Air-Commodore C. R. Samson) Woodland a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
331	THE HEIR ... W. Gurney	7/2
424	GLENGARRY II. ... D. Connor	8/1
000	SAFE IN BED ... Costello	10/1
030	DUTCH DOLL ... Chisman	7/1
00	SKYWAVE ... Robson	10/1
100	COMMANDER SMITH ... Doyle	8/1
131	SQUIRE MARTEN ... Mr. B. Bennett	10/1
103	BRIGHT BLUE ... L. Rees	2/1
001	PALATIAL ... R. Read	5/1
004	BROKEN WAND ... Pulford	6/1
030	GREVISK ... Whelehan	8/1

1.30—YATESBURY SELLING HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £100. 2 m.

MAH-JONGG (Mr. J. Baylis) Shedden 5 12 3
LIMBER DANCER (Mr. J. Davis) J. Scott a 12 3
RAGOUT (Mr. A. R. Firkins) G. Read a 12 3
WOODMAN (Capt. W. McMullen) Owner 6 12 3
LIGHT CAVALRY (Mrs. L. Quartermaine) Langlands 5 12 3
NORTH BUCKS (Mrs. N. Roberts) Roberts 6 12 3
SKYFLIGHT (Mr. E. Thornton-Smith) Templeman 5 12 3
MIZZEN MAST (Lady Nelson) Hastings a 12 3
FALSE REPORT (Mr. C. Williams) D. Harrison a 12 3
BOCKING HORSE (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 5 12 3
CHARMING (Mr. A. Woodford) Saxby 6 12 3
BULL'S EYE (Mr. F. Bryant) Private 4 11 12
ZARANE (Mr. J. T. Coltman) Butchers a 11 12
CROCK HILL (Mr. E. G. Goby) Owner a 11 12
GAVIN (Mr. C. Green) O'Sullivan 4 11 12
SCABBARD (Mr. H. M. Hankey) Faulkner 5 11 12
LOYAL SCOT (Mr. F. Hartigan) Owner 5 11 12
MIDNIGHT CHASE (Lady Hillingdon) McDougal a 11 12
CUMNOR (Capt. W. Holland) Rayson a 11 12
SIMON'S LIGHT (Mrs. C. Jones) J. Scott a 11 12
INVERVEIGH (Mr. E. Martin) Owner 5 11 12
HORACE (Mr. A. Newey) Owner 5 11 12
NOCTIFER (Mr. W. Payne) Owner 4 11 12
VISHNU (Mr. T. Richardson) Barthropp a 11 12
BOOKHAM STAR (Mrs. C. Stevens) C. Stevens 6 11 12
HEAH (Mr. V. Thompson) F. Hartigan 5 11 12
TOWER HILL (Mr. G. F. Weller) H. Smyth a 11 12
THRILLING (Mr. G. Duller) Owner 4 11 7
MOUNT IDOL (Mrs. P. Harding) Cundell 4 11 7
MOROSE (Mr. V. P. Misa) V. Smyth 4 11 7
SANS BLAGUE (Mr. A. C. Saunders) Owner 4 11 7
EASTERN SUN (Mr. F. J. Benson) E. Piggott 3 10 7
MARTIAN (Mr. H. A. Brown) Owner 3 10 7
DESERT SHEIK (Mr. J. Hamer) East 3 10 7
PALATINE PRINCE (Mr. E. Gwilt) Owner 3 10 2
KEPI AMARANTE (Ld. Queenborough) G. Bennett 3 10 2
IMPATIENT BOY (Mrs. Roundell) Larkin 3 10 2
QUEEN OF THE FOAM (Mrs. J. White) Powell 3 10 2
BOREALIS (Mr. J. White) Powell 3 10 2

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
022	MAH JONGG ... Stott	6/1
	NORTH BUCKS ... Middleton	100/7
3	SKYFLIGHT ... Pulford	100/8
001	MIZZEN MAST ... J. Anthony	5/1
002	ROCKING HORSE ... Knight	10/1
0	CHARMING ... A. J. Smith	100/7
032	ZARANE ... Speck	7/1
	GAVIN ... K. Piggott	5/1
312	LOYAL SCOT ... F. Rees	6/1
400	CUMNOR ... Rayson	100/7
111	SIMON'S LIGHT ... Moloney	5/1
200	HORACE ... A. Newey	10/1
301	CROCK HILL ... Duller	7/2
103	VISHNU ... Beary	8/1
040	BOOKHAM STAR ... W. Davey	10/1
00	HEAH ... Hardy	10/1
	MOUNT IDOL ... J. Waugh	100/7
0	MARTIAN ... H. Brown	100/7
043	PALATINE PRINCE ... F. Gurney	100/7
	IMPATIENT BOY ... A. Smyth	8/1
	QUEEN OF THE FOAM ... Parvin	100/7

2.0—READING STEEPLECHASE of 400 sovs. Second receives 40 sovs. and third 20 sovs. 2 m. 50 yds. Age st. lb.

BOKHARA (Mr. J. Mackley) E. Doyle a 12 9
ATTEMPT (Mr. D. Stewart) D. Harrison 5 12 4
PTOLEMAIS (Maj. M. Studd) Cramsie 4 12 1
SOULECTOR (Mr. J. Scott) Owner 4 11 8
JACK O' NEWBURY (Mr. W. Philip) Philip, jun. 4 11 3
GLEN ANDRED (Mr. F. H. Cundell) Cundell a 11 2
BORDER RANGER (Mrs. H. Gregson) C. Young 6 11 2
ANIMATED (Sir E. Wills) De Winton 6 11 2
AGINCOURT (Mr. J. G. Thomson) 6 11 2
HERBERT'S CHOICE (Mr. J. Thomson) F. A. Brown 6 10 13
ANNIVERSARY (Mr. W. Whitehead) F. A. Brown 5 10 13
BETYAR (Mr. J. Davis) R. Payne 4 10 12
UP GARRYOWEN (Mr. H. Kershaw) J. Scott 4 10 12
SHAUN GOILIN (Mr. W. H. Midwood) Anthony 6 10 11
ARDOON'S PRIDE (Mr. E. A. Stanley) Whitaker 6 10 11
FINE YARN (Mrs. C. Stevens) Hastings 6 10 11
LADY ARDOON (Miss Cleeve) C. Stevens 6 10 11
PHILINNA (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Barthropp 6 10 11
PAXFORD (Mr. M. D. Blair) R. Johnson 5 10 8
DOULTHWAITE (Mr. E. W. Brook) Owner 5 10 8
BALLINAMOTE (Mrs. Chatterton) R. Thompson 5 10 8
LAURENTUM (Mr. F. A. Clark) Hall 5 10 8
BROWLEY (Mr. H. Cottrill) Hastings 5 10 8
ALVASTON (Mr. H. D. Dennis) Whitaker 5 10 8
GERYONES (Capt. F. Gill) Newey 5 10 8
LIBRARIAN (Mrs. H. G. Gregson) Private 5 10 8
LORDI (Mr. A. M. Jones) C. Young 5 10 8
TRANSIT (Capt. R. E. Sassoon) Turner 5 10 8
ROYAL DEFENCE (Capt. R. Sassoon) Martin 5 10 8
WITNESS (Mr. M. Schwartz) Martin 5 10 8
HOP ON (Mr. V. Smith) Larkin 5 10 8
CAVE MAN (Baron F. de Tuyll) Willington 5 10 8
SWORDSMAN (Mr. P. Whitaker) F. Hartigan 5 10 8
BROCKTON (Mrs. C. C. Williams) Owner 5 10 8
KISSER (Mr. V. Thompson) D. Harrison 4 10 5
LASIDO (Mr. J. P. Chapman) F. Hartigan 4 10 5

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
103	PTOLEMAIS ... V. Piggott	10/1
10	LAURENTUM ... J. Anthony	5/1
124	SOULECTOR ... D. Connor	8/1
004	JACK OF NEWBURY ... Robson	100/7
120	GLEN ANDRED ... T. Leader	7/2
114	BORDER RANGER ... J. Hogan	4/1
000	HERBERT'S CHOICE ... Foster	8/1
300	ANNIVERSARY ... W. Gurney	100/7
302	BETYAR ... Moloney	7/1
204	ARDOON'S PRIDE ... Burford	100/7
300	FINE YARN ... W. Davey	10/1
300	PHILINNA ... D. Williams	100/7
400	PAXFORD ... L. Rees	100/8
300	BALLINAMOTE ... Footitt	100/8
	GERYONES ... F. Brookes	100/7
004	LORDI ... Stott	8/1
000	WITNESS ... Bigwood	10/1
000	CAVE MAN ... Hardy	100/8
000	SWORDSMAN ... Mr. S. Dennis	7/1
220	BROCKTON ... Duggan	100/7
03	KISSER ... F. Rees	5/1
00	LADY ARDOON ... Mr. Dutton	100/7
000	ALVASTON ... J. Hamey	100/7

2.30—DIDCOT HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 250 sovs. Second receives 35 sovs. and third 15 sovs. 2 m.

BLARIS (Mrs. H. M. Hollins) W. Payne 5 12 10
PEEPING TOM (Sir M. McAlpine) Bell 4 12 0
FIRST MAGIC (Mrs. H. Peel) Poole 6 11 11
ORMUZD (Lord Queenborough) Bennett 5 11 7
ARUNTIUS (Mrs. D'Arcy Baker) Martin 5 11 5
INVERVEIGH (Mr. E. Martin) Owner 5 11 5
SLIEVERUE (Mr. W. J. Gresson) Hastings 5 11 4
WIND SWEPT (Lord Grimthorpe) Bazley 6 11 4
CLOTH OF GOLD (Mr. J. T. Baylis) T. Leader 5 11 2
GROOMSPORT (Mr. W. Whitehead) R. Payne a 11 1
MARKSMAN (Mr. J. A. Phillips) W. Nightingall 4 10 12
CLONLARA (Mr. A. E. Berry) Whitaker 6 10 12
NANE SNUGGER (Mr. Rayner) East a 10 10
ROLIE (Mr. T. R. Rimell) Owner 5 10 10
TOY BELL (Mrs. H. E. Beddington) F. Hartigan 4 10 9
SIGNET (Mr. F. W. Wilmot) Poole a 10 8
BIG BLACK BOY (Mrs. C. Stevens) G. Stevens 4 10 6
SPINNEY HILL (Mr. C. Barlow) Read 6 10 6
ONEGA (Mr. W. T. Sears) Philip, jun. 5 10 5
COUNT SPAGHETTI (Mr. G. S. L. Whitelaw) Whitelaw 4 10 5
SKIAS (Mr. A. Edwards) Owner 5 10 5
SILVER ISLAND (Mr. J. Barnes) Hackett 5 10 3
FALSE REPORT (Cr. C. Williams) D. Harrison 5 10 3
LANCING (Mr. G. Duller) Owner 6 10 1
TUSCAN (Miss Tyler) Larkin a 10 1
FOUR-POSTER (Sir E. Wild) De Winton a 10 0
THE OCK (Mr. J. E. Cottrell) Gilbert a 10 0

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
001	ORMUZD ... F. Rees	8/1
113	ARUNTIUS ... Pellerin	4/1
230	SLIEVE RUE ... J. Anthony	11/2
130	CLOTH OF GOLD ... T. Leader	10/1
000	GROOMSPORT ... W. Gurney	100/8
322	ROLIE ... Cheshire	7/1
011	TOY BELL ... Hardy	10/1
010	BIG BLACK BOY ... K. Piggott	8/1
000	ONEGA ... Robson	100/8
000	SPINNEY HILL ... Stott	10/1
00	SILVER ISLAND ... Costello	100/8
000	SKIAS ... F. Gurney	100/8
000	COUNT SPAGHETTI ... Pulford	100/8
000	LANCING ... G. Rickaby	100/8
341	TUSCAN ... A. Smyth	5/1
000	FOUR POSTER ... Parvin	10/1
025	THE OCK ... Graves	7/1

3.0—UNITED SERVICES' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 175 sovs. Second receives 25 sovs. and third 10 sovs. 3 m. Age st. lb.

WINNALL (Mr. H. Liddell) Woodland a 12 12
MITCHELLS (Capt. R. E. Sassoon) Martin a 12 8
HAWKER (Capt. A. E. Grant) W. Payne a 12 1
MAURA MY GIRL (Capt. G. W. L. Meredith) Owner a 11 11
DASH O' WHITE (Mr. Clarke) Goby 6 11 11
SNOW CREST (Mr. C. B. Harvey) R. Payne a 11 4
HIS LUCK (Mrs. E. Kellett) Pease a 11 3
POTHEEN (Mr. A. C. Ioannou) W. Nightingall a 11 2
MAINSAIL (Mr. G. Sandford Poole) Woodland a 11 1
FLOWN AWAY (Mr. R. C. Woods) Owner 6 10 13
COMMONSIDE (Lt.-Col. G. Brooke) Woodland a 10 13
FAIRY HILL II. (Major H. A. Wernher) Hastings a 10 11
BALLYHANWOOD (Mr. M. D. Blair) Owner 5 10 10
COURT SCANDAL II. (12lb. ex.) (Mr. C. B. Harvey) R. Payne a 11 5
NERO IV. (Mrs. K. Mackay) M. Jackson a 10 7

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
031	MITCHELLS ... Captain Sassoon	6/4
203	HAWKER ... Captain Grant	9/2
132	DASH O' WHITE ... Mr. Clarke	7/2
000	MAURA MY GIRL ... Mr. Gosden	10/1
121	HIS LUCK ... Mr. Gubbin	5/1
000	MAINSAIL ... Mr. G. Poole	10/1
400	FAIRY HILL II. ... Mr. S. Dennis	7/1
042	BALLYHANWOOD ... Major Wilson	6/1
223	NERO IV. ... Major Cavenagh	8/1

3.30—JUVENILE HURDLE RACE of 150 sovs. Second receives 20 sovs. and third 5 sovs. Three-year-olds. 1½ m. st. lb.

ROYAL FALCON (Mr. G. Drummond) Leach, jun. 11 8
FOOTER (Mr. W. H. Savill) F. Hartigan 11 8
BEDEGUAR (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 11 3
BOREALIS (Mr. James White) Powell 10 13
EXPERT (Mr. J. C. Russell) T. Leader 10 12
FOND MEMORIES (Mr. J. Hartley) Bazley 10 10
FRIAR WILE (Sir R. McAlpine) J. M. Bell 10 10
LEWENDON (Mr. R. MacMillan) Laye 10 10
SIMON THE BEGGAR (Mr. V. P. Misa) V. Smyth 10 10
CANFIELD (Capt. L. Montagu) F. Hartigan 10 10
DONA VALDES (Mr. W. Read) S. Bennet 10 10
PAMPERER (Miss H. Rodocanachi) Powell 10 10
BIG BEN (Mr. J. W. Simmonds) Rayson 10 10
KNICKER BOCKER (Mr. S. Wootton) Coulthwaite 10 10
FULL DRESS (Mr. J. Baylis) T. Leader 10 5
THE BEETLE (Mr. H. D. Bazley) Owner 10 5
LUCKY TOY (Mr. J. P. Chapman) Owner 10 5
SMITH SEAL (Mr. M. Dollar) W. Payne 10 5
PALESTRO (Sir Frederick Eley) Pugh 10 5
POLYPODIUM (Mr. D. M. Gant) L. Hammond 10 5
SLIEVE REINE (Mr. W. J. Gresson) Hastings 10 5
GALANTHUS (Mr. G. Lees-Milne) Powell 10 5
LES CLOCHES (Mr. A. C. Legg) S. Bennet 10 5
FREE TRADE (Mr. W. Philip) Philip, jun. 10 5
CONSCRIPT (Lord Queenborough) G. Bennett 10 5
WALDORF (Mrs. M. Rimell) Rimell 10 5
THREE FEATHERS (Mr. B. Warner) Anthony 10 5
QUEEN OF THE FOAM (Mr. J. White) Powell 10 5
THE MILLER (Mr. G. S. Whitelaw) Owner 10 5
POLIGAR (Sir Ernest Wills) De Winton 10 5
PRESTO III. (Sir M. Wilson) Woodland 10 5

Form.	Probable Starters and Jockeys.	Betting Forecast.
313	FOOTER ... Hardy	9/2
010	BEDEGUAR ... Parvin	8/1
22	FRIAR WILE ... Duller	11/10
0	LEWENDON ... R. Read	100/8
42	BIG BEN ... Rayson	6/1
	THE BEETLE ... Mr. S. Dennis	100/8
	SMITH SEAL ... Brookes	8/1
00	PALESTRO ... Bigwood	100/8
333	CONSCRIPT ... F. Rees	3/1
04	WALDORF ... Cheshire	100/8

CONTROL OF BRITISH RACING.

NO OFFICIAL NEWS OF NEW BODY.

No confirmation is forthcoming of the report that an organisation, consisting of breeders, trainers, racecourse executives, bookmakers and the Press is to be established in Great Britain, to co-operate with the Jockey Club in the management of racing.

The matter is being freely discussed, but the idea of the Jockey Club or its senior Steward, Lord Lonsdale, taking part in the formation of such a body is generally ridiculed.

It is recalled that at the Gimcrack Dinner at York on December 2nd, Lord Lonsdale, replying to the toast of the Jockey Club, said that they had been set up as an autocratic body, and that was what they intended to be.

Mr. Cathcart, the Secretary of the Racecourse Association, stated that if the report were true it would be extremely unlikely that the Racecourse Association would be unaware of it.

COURSING.

THE GREENALL CUP MEETING.

ONLY EIGHT ENTRIES FOR BIG STAKE.

For the Greenall Cup Meeting, at Kilmallock, heretofore regarded as one of the most important of the season's fixtures, the entries have fallen much short of the stipulated number, and it is likely that to-morrow will suffice to finish the card.

All told, only fifty-eight nominations have been taken out, including 29 in the two "duffers" stakes, and the Greenall Cup, always a valuable trophy, has fizzled out into a commonplace stake of eight moderate-class all-ages. There are ten in the Trial Stakes, eleven in the Ardpatrick Stakes (puppies), fifteen in the Kilfinane Stakes (duffers), and fourteen in the Kilmallock Stakes (confined).

Owing to a number of omissions in the telegraphing of the draw, which we were not able to rectify, we are unable to give the full draw.

The entries for the Greenall Cup are:—

Mr. J. J. Power ns. Second Light agst. Messrs. G. and E. Greenall ns. Kilclooney.

Mr. P. O'Brien's Ocean Blower agst. Mr. T. O'Brien's Odd Bargain.

Mr. T. O'Brien's Ocean Blizzard agst. Mr. Geary's Broghill Fox.

Miss N. Walsh's White Fox agst. Mr. Rea ns. Kitty Darling.

RUGBY.

ENGLISH TRIAL MATCH.

CHANGE IN THE "REST" TEAM.

The Rugby Union announces a change in the Rest team for Saturday's trial match at Twickenham. C. K. T. Faithfull, the Halifax forward, is unable to play, and C. S. Barlow, the Cambridge University captain, will take his place.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Monkstown Schoolboys v. Palmerston Schoolboys. Clonskeagh, 2.45.

Palmerston Schoolboys—F. Dowds; H. D. Wall, R. E. Wynne, R. W. Reynolds, H. Whiteside; H. A. Stafford, P. H. Ballagh; J. H. Hipwell, H. W. Stephenson, N. Walker, A. Breakey, H. Gibson, R. Coghlan, H. W. Love, A. E. Robinson.

Monkstown—J. M. Deane; G. Dowling, G. Owens, B. Harper, J. P. Byrne; T. P. Leonard, D. Perse-Joynt (captain); P. Dempsey, O'Brien, S. J. Nolan, O. Deane, J. F. Burns, D. Riordan, G. D. Belton, V. Burns.

PALMERSTON SCHOOLBOYS v. Y.M.C.A.

This match, played at Clonskeagh, resulted in a win for Palmerston by 22 points (2 goals and 4 tries) to 19 points (2 goals and 3 tries). The tries were obtained for Palmerston by Wall (4), Ballagh, and Wynne, two being converted by Wall and Robinson. The scorers for Y.M.C.A. were Weldon (2), McConnell, Harrison, and Boucher, two being converted by Boucher.

BALBRIGGAN v. BECTIVE RANGERS II.

Balbriggan lost their unbeaten record to Bective in this match, played at Balbriggan, when they were beaten by 11 points clear (1 goal, 2 tries) to nil. The match was hotly contested. The Bective pack was the heavier, and carried the majority of the scrums. The scorers for Bective were McMurrough, Fitzsimons, and Killeen, M. A. Sheehan converting one of the tries. The outstanding players on the visitors' side, who all round, gave a fine exhibition, were White, M. A. Sheehan, and Fitzsimons (backs), and McAllister, Higginbotham, and J. Sheehan (forwards).

HOCKEY.

MONKSTOWN ON TOUR.

Monkstown (Ladies) leave this morning for a short tour in Belfast. They will play a combined team of Queen's University and Nomads to-day and Knock to-morrow. The following will represent Monkstown:—Misses M. White; E. Shannon, Mrs. Hornidge; Misses W. Aykroyd, V. Tayloue, H. White; K. O'Donel, V. White, M. Daly, P. Crofton, H. Flavelle.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Rutland High School v. Newcomes. Stillorgan Park, 3.15 p.m.

Monkstown (Ladies) v. Queen's University and Nomads (Combined XI.). Belfast.

THREE ROCK ROVERS.—General practice for all members at Foxrock on Saturday next at 2.30.

The following horses have left Newmarket for the Argentine:—Delight, Amara, Orpi, Field Argent, Tatters II., and Dinah Patsy.

BOXING.

CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE ULSTER HALL.

MAGILL KNOCKS OUT BELGIAN TITLEHOLDER.

A splendid boxing programme was submitted in the Ulster Hall, Belfast, last night to a packed attendance, and keen contests ruled throughout. The principal bout was between Dave Magill, Heavy-Weight Champion of Ireland, and Eugene Steppe, Cruiser-Weight Champion of Belgium, it being Magill's last contest before he meets Tom Berry for the Cruiser-Weight Championship of the British Empire.

Magill is Irish Champion at 12st. 8lb., and Steppe, Belgian Cruiser-Weight Champion at 14st. 2lb.

The fight was scheduled for fifteen 3-minute rounds. Magill opened confidently, and after a good first round had Steppe down for a count of nine in the second. A minute later he staggered the Belgian with a left lead, and brought the right across to the jaw for the knock-out.

This led up to the meeting of Willie Gilmore, Irish Light-Weight Champion, and Peitat Dupont, Belgian Light-Weight Champion.

It proved the tit-bit of the programme. Gilmore, who is certainly one of the most improved boxers at present in the limelight, fought with much cleverness, although up against a very smart lad. He early established a lead, and was in a comfortable position at half-way. At this stage he was using both hands with confidence, but Dupont was by no means idle. He had a big share of the attack, and showed cleverness in saving himself from Gilmore's right. He was, however, always behind, and in spite of a good rally Gilmore was the winner at the end of the twelve 3-minute rounds.

The results of other contests were:—George Hopkins (Preston) beat Jack O'Neill (Belfast), the fight being stopped in the seventh round. Sandy McKenzie (Glasgow) beat Battling Brannigan (Waterford) on points in ten rounds. Tom Connolly (Belfast) beat Jim Robinson (Belfast) on points in 10 rounds.

AN INNINGS AND 656 RUNS!

HEAVIEST DEFEAT IN THE HISTORY OF CRICKET.

A Melbourne telegram says that Victoria beat New South Wales by an innings and 656 runs, New South Wales being dismissed in their second innings for 230.

This is the heaviest defeat in the history of cricket.

The scores were:—

	1st Inns.	2nd Inns.
New South Wales	221	230
Victoria	1107	

EASY WIN FOR M.C.C. IN INDIA.

DEADLY BOWLING BY BOYES.

The three-day fixture between the M.C.C. team and the Europeans of the East ended early yesterday at Calcutta in a tame victory for the visitors by an innings and 55 runs.

Boyes, assisted by a wicket that cut up badly, bowled with deadly effect, capturing all but two of the nine wickets (Tarrant did not bat) at a cost of just over seven runs each. In the six overs immediately preceding lunch the Hampshire player took four wickets for four runs. Score:—

	1st Inns.	2nd Inns.
Europeans of the East	146	125
M.C.C.	326	

MUSIC AND MOTORING.

SONG COMPOSER'S "S.O.S."

Mr. Herman Darewski, the song composer, has been informed that an invention he has taken an interest in for securing the safety of motor-driving signalling has just been made compulsory in France. This decision follows quickly upon similar official action in Germany, Italy and Greece, after reports and tests that its use prevented 60 per cent. of road accidents.

"The next move is up to the traffic authorities of England," said Mr. Darewski in an interview. "It may sound a curious mixture—music and motoring—but in my business I have had so much experience as a motorist of the danger to life by ignorant and bad signalling by drivers that I set about finding a fool-proof device easily operated from the dash board, and which, further, can be worked with a closed-in car without opening the side windows or screens. We have called my new apparatus, which is now within the reach of all, being inexpensive, the 'Darewski S.O.S.'

"It is impossible to say as yet whether it will be made compulsory in England."

BOXER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

TUNNEY NEARLY DROWNED.

A Boston message to the *New York Herald* (Paris edition) says:—Gene Tunney, the world's heavy-weight champion boxer, narrowly escaped death in the icy waters of Mosehead Lake, Maine, on Saturday, being saved by the efforts of three companions, who formed a human chain and pulled him to safety.

Tunney was crossing the lake with Bert Fowler (his host) and two friends to attend a Christmas service at Rockwood. The champion attempted to jump a wide crack in the ice, missed his footing, and slid into the black waters of the lake.

He clung to the edge of the hole in the ice while Fowler, creeping on his stomach to the edge of the hole, grasped Gene by the coat. The other two men, taking Fowler by the legs, dragged both men to firm ice.

Tunney, thoroughly soaked and chilled to the marrow, hurried on to Rockwood, where he went to bed in a hotel there while his clothing was being dried out. Hot drinks and a warm room soon took off the worst effects of the plunge.

"It was the closest call I ever had," Tunney said while he was thawing out, "and I shall never forget this Christmas."

IN CRITICISM OF THE TOOTH-BRUSH.

DOCTOR FAVOURS A RUBBER DEVICE.

Does the tooth-brush do good or harm? is the question asked by Dr. J. M. McPhail, of Middlesbrough, in the current issue of the *British Medical Journal*.

"On visiting the average house I see lying somewhere about the bathroom a tooth-brush of any age from three to six months, which probably has never been sterilised, and which smells accordingly. Teeth and gums may be infected already, but what of the infection that is forced into the gums with this ragged instrument, which scarifies before it infects?

"Some dentists believe that a rubber tooth-brush with vulcanite handle, which can be readily sterilised by boiling, is more efficient and does not less injury to the gums. Is the tooth-brush efficient, or should some other means be encouraged to remove dead and decaying matter from between and behind the teeth?"

"DERBY WINNER" COMEDY.

"Sir Augustus Harris, when manager of Drury lane, experienced some first nights which were full of anxiety," writes Jimmy Glover in *T.P.'s and Cassell's Weekly*. "In the first performance of 'The Derby Winner' the hero's horse should have won, the hero himself having backed it for a fabulous sum to save him from ruin; but, owing to jealousies amongst the amateur jockeys riding the various starters, the jockeys between themselves arranged the finale, and the villain's horse in the end won the race by a few lengths, thereby altering the plot of the story and making the hero a pauper.

"But Augustus Harris came in front of the curtain quite quickly and stated that although the villain's horse was first as the audience saw it pass the stage, he was at the winning-post a quarter of a mile lower down, and could personally assure them that the hero's horse won at the proper place! 'This,' concluded Gus, 'on my word of honour.' It produced the biggest first-night laugh which has ever been heard in a British theatre; but poor Harry Eversfield, the real actor, who rode the supposed winner, committed suicide."

The motor fishing smack Protect Me, belonging to St. Manaus, Fifeshire, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning on the Firth of Forth coast.

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CATTLE.

GLASGOW.—Fat cattle forward in small numbers yesterday. Quality generally fair; good selling trade resulted, but last week's prices were barely maintained. Top quality bullocks and heifers, current 64/- to 68/-, secondary from 50/- per cwt. live weight. Light supplies sheep; active inquiry for all classes at advanced rates; Down lambs 70/-, crosses 68/-, half-bred ewes 65/-, Cheviots 52/-.

EDINBURGH.—Small supplies of sheep and cattle. Half-bred hoggs to 49/-, polled bullocks to £21; cows a slow sale, best Cumberland to £36 10/-.

WAKEFIELD.—One hundred and forty-five cattle and 600 sheep, with quiet trade. Best cattle 10d., secondary 9d., inferior 8d. Young sheep 14½d., medium weights 13½d., heavy animals 9d., ewes and tups 6d. to 8d.

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES.—BALTIC.—WHEAT cargo market dull. Prices declined in sympathy with lower American and Argentine advices. No. 1 Northern Manitoba December sellers 56/-, No. 2 ditto 54/9, No. 2 hard winter December 56/-, January 55/-, white Pacific January 54/-, Australian December-January 55/-, Rosafe (63lbs.) January-February 50/-, Barusso ditto February 50/-. Parcels dull and lower to sell. No. 1 Northern Manitoba January 57/9, Australian afloat 55/6, Rosafe (62½lbs.) January-February 49/6 per 480lbs.; the Andreas K., 4,300 tons Rosafe and 1,200 tons Baril (63lbs.) loading sold to Continent at 54/-. MAIZE quiet and trend of values weaker with selling pressure. Steamer, 5,500 tons Plate February sold 29/1½, steamers on passage sellers 29/6, December-January 29/3; January-February, also February-March, 29/-; Dan-Gal-Fox, afloat 31/-. Parcels slow; Plate January-February sold 28/3 per 480lbs.; Brabant Light, 5,500 tons Plate, 14th January loading, sold 28/6. BARLEY inactive. Cargoes of South Russian February sellers 31/9. Parcels of ditto January-February 31/9. Persian December-January 29/6, No. 3 Canadian Western December 33/-. Plate January-February 30/- per 400lbs. OATS quiet; Plate December sellers 21/-, January 20/-; January-February, also February-March, 19/6; Chilean January-February 21/3 per 320lbs.

MARK LANE CORN.—The market re-opened with a quiet tone, only a small number of buyers being present. Prices ruled easier for breadstuffs in sympathy with lower forward values, but feeders steady, especially for landed parcels. WHEAT easier: No. 1 Northern Manitoba quoted 59/6, No. 2 ditto 58/-, No. 4 55/9, No. 2 tough Manitoba 56/6, No. 2 mixed Durum 56/3 x.s., all per 496lbs.; English 11/2 to 11/10 per 112lbs. FLOUR dull and easier: London standard grade 46/-, town whites 47/-, patents 48/- to 49/- per sack, delivered in the Home Counties, with 6d. to 1/- per sack less for deliveries in the London districts. Of imported, Manitoba patents range from 44/- to 46/6, Minneapolis 44/6 to 47/-, Kansas patents 43/- to 44/-, Australian 43/6 to 44/- per 280lbs. ex store. MAIZE steady: Plate landed 32/6, do. x.s. 30/9, Plate Cinquantine 36/6 landed per 480lbs. BARLEY inactive: Californian 40/- to 46/-, Chilean Chevalier 52/- to 55/-, do. brewing 39/- to 47/- per 448lbs., No. 3 Canadian Western 34/- x.s., Persian landed 29/6, Russian 32/6, Plate 32/6 to 34/-, both x.s. per 400lbs.; English malting 9/6 to 16/6 as to sample, feed 8/9 to 9/6 per 112lbs. OATS steady, quiet: Plate landed 23/3, do. x.s. 22/- per 320lbs., English 8/- to 8/6 per 112lbs. MILLERS' OFFALS steady: broad bran quoted 7/9, middlings 8/- to 8/3, fine ditto 9/3, bags included, x.m.; feed oatmeal 9/3, light oats 8/3, ground oats 12/9 per cwt. f.o.r. OATMEAL in fair request at steady rates; London made flaked 17/6, rolled oats 16/6, medium, also fine cut 16/6; coarse pinhead and whole groats 16/- x.m. per cwt.

LIVERPOOL.—WHEAT—The unexpected weakness in Winnipeg and Chicago was reflected here at the outset, when forward deliveries of wheat showed a liberal decline, prices further receding in the absence of support with but slight fluctuations, finishing slightly [illegible] considerable decline on the day, [illegible] disappointing. C.i.f. parcels of No. 2 Manitoba arrived sold at 55/6 and tough arrived 52/- per quarter. C.i.f. parcels of MAIZE River Plate afloat December-January, January-February, and February-March sold at 28/4½ per quarter. Wheat on the spot quiet at about late rates. Maize spot parcels quiet, and River Plate quoted 6/5½ to 6/6 per cental. FLOUR quiet, with official price of straight run 44/6 per 280lbs. ex mill. Graded wheat futures opened ½d. to 1d. per cental lower, further gave way with slight interruption, the market closing 1½d. to 1¾d. under Tuesday night. Maize options nominally ½d. lower; closing prices—December 6/5, January 6/4 per cental.

GLASGOW.—Wheat easy and neglected; No. 1 Manitoba 56/-, December-January. Maize slightly lower for forward positions, but demand still poor. Oats—Home-grown steady; imported sorts out of line. Barley quiet at last prices. Flour easier in sympathy with wheat, but trading continues slow.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL.—BACON—There is little new feature in any description, the demand for Irish, Danish and Canadian showing little or no improvement, but American Cumberlands again attract some little attention, and late prices are repeated all round. HAMS in rather improved request, with short cut mostly inquired for, and realise an occasional 1/- per cwt. advance. Shoulders quiet for all cuts, but no quotable change made in values. LARD on the spot rules quietly steady at late rates for both prime steam and American refined, with buyers again showing little disposition to operate. CHEESE quiet and with easier quotations for New Zealand sellers show rather more inclination to shade prices, though no actual decline recorded. BUTTER firm for all makes, especially Danish, which tends against buyers owing to stronger cables from Copenhagen. EGGS quiet at 25/- to 28/- per 120 for Irish fresh hen and 9/- for Egyptian.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT (Smithfield).—Supplies to market yesterday, 1,298 tons, made up as follows—269 tons British and Irish produce, and 1,009 tons imported. BEEF—Fresh and chilled met a slow dragging trade at easier prices. Scotch short sides 6/- to 7/-, ditto long 6/- to 6/6, English 4/4 to 5/4, Canadian (Birkenhead killed) 4/4 to 5/-, Australian hindquarters (frozen) 2/8 to 2/10, ditto crops 2/4, Argentine hindquarters (chilled) 3/8 to 4/4, ditto forequarters 2/4 to 2/6. MUTTON—Fresh, good inquiry for short supply at higher values. Frozen slow trade at late rates. Scotch 7/4 to 8/4, ditto tegs 8/- to 9/-, English 7/- to 8/-, ditto tegs 7/8 to 8/8, ditto ewes 3/8 to 4/8, Irish 6/4 to 7/-, New Zealand wethers 4/- to 4/6, ditto ewes 2/10 to 3/2, Argentine wethers 2/10 to 4/2. LAMB—New Zealand 5/4 to 6/11, Australian 4/10 to 6/4. PORK—Poor inquiry; business negligible. English, best under 10 stone 10/- to 10/8, 10 to 13 stone 8/- to 9/8, frozen New Zealand 6/4 to 7/4, ditto other countries 4/4 to 6/8, sows (fat) 5/4 to 5/8. VEAL—Supplies limited; trade fair; very choice meat reached 12/- per stone. English fat 8/- to 10/8, ditto bobbies 6/8 to 7/8. EGGS—Light supplies sold slowly at easier values. Per 120—English newlaid, first grade 24/- to 26/-, second grade 21/- to 22/6. Danish 15½ to 16lbs. 23/- to 23/6, 12lbs. 26/6 to 27/-. Dutch brown 25/- to 26/-, mixed 23/- to 24/-, ducks 15/6 to 16/-. Belgian 20/- to 21/-. Australian 17/- to 18/-. South African 15lbs. 17/6 to 18/-, 14lbs. 14/- to 14/9. POULTRY, GAME, and RABBITS. At per lb., or each, as the case may be, as follows:—Surrey chicken, per lb. 1/4 to 1/7, country 1/1 to 1/4, Irish 1/- to 1/2, Belgian 1/4 to 1/5, French 1/2 to 1/4, Dutch 1/1 to 1/3, English hens (old) 9d. to 11d., Irish 8d. to 9d., English geese 11d. to 1/1, Irish 9d. to 1/-, country ducklings 1/2 to 1/4; English pheasants, best, each 4/6 to 5/-, second quality 3/- to 3/6, English partridges, full sized, young 3/- to 4/9, small 2/6 to 3/-, old 1/- to 1/4, Guinea fowl 3/6 to 3/9; English hares 3/9 to 4/3, Scotch 1/3 to 2/-; tame rabbits, per lb. 7d. to 10d., wild 6d. to 8d. LIVE POULTRY—This year's chicken, per lb. 1/2 to 1/4, hard 9d., hens, large fat 10d. to 1/-, small or plain 9d., ducks, old, fat 8d. to 9d., medium 7d.; tame rabbits 6d., pigeons each 7d.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE.—A satisfactory clearance was effected of the small supply of home-grown vegetables on market. York cabbage 20/- to 30/- per load, Savoy 20/- to 35/- per load, Swede turnips 1/1 to 1/6 per cwt., cauliflowers 5/6 per dozen.

CORK BUTTER.—Fair inquiry; quiet tone; prices steady. Creameries 168/- to 172/- per cwt. choicest salted 172/- upwards.

DUBLIN FISH.—Demand was fair for the rather small arrival of fish on market—viz., 3 chests of lobsters, 140 boxes of herrings, 60 boxes of mackerel, and a small lot from the usual country and local hookers and wind trawlers, for which the following was the run of prices:—Large lobsters 15/- to 25/-, seconds 10/- to 12/6, smalls 5/- to 7/6 per lot of 13; large soles 30/- to 40/-, mediums 20/- to 25/-, slips 5/- to 10/- per 9 pairs; turbot 6d. to 15/- each, brill 2/- to 3/- each. Box fish—Plaice 20/- to 30/-, codfish 25/- to 30/-, whiting 15/- to 22/6, ray 10/- to 20/- per half-box; herrings averaged 6/- to 13/- per box, mackerel 9/- to 10/- per box.

BILLINGSGATE FISH.—Fair supplies; steady demand. Soles 20d. to 24d., slips 14d. to 18d. per lb.; live eels 15/- to 30/-, dead 10/- to 25/- per draught; turbot 20/- to 22/-, brill 12/- to 14/-, plaice 9/- to 14/-, halibut 13/- to 22/-, lemon soles 17/- to 20/-, whitches 7/- to 11/-, cod 4/- to 6/-, whiting 3/- to 5/-, hake 8/- to 11/-, skate 5/- to 7/-, haddocks 4/- to 7/- per stone.

PRODUCE

LONDON.—SUGAR—The general tone continues quiet for refined parcels, but no change occurred in prices of British makes. Home-grown gran. 3d. per cwt. dearer. Imported descriptions barely steady, while in limited request spot and forward. Dutch and Czecho gran. spot 31/10½; Czecho prompt 18/11¼ and Jan.-March 19/6 f.o.b. Hamburg. White terminal quiet and irregular; Dec. sold 18/3¼ 18/3 to 18/4½, Feb. 18/3½ to 18/6, March 18/7½ to 18/9, Oct. 17/6½ and Dec. 17/2¼ 17/1½ to 17/2¼ per cwt. COFFEE—All fine liquoring grades realise full prices, but common grades slow of sale. Futures idle; Ma[rch] quoted 75/-, and July 73/- per cwt. TEA—Pri[vate] market quiet, steady for the finer qualities. COCOA—Spot parcels sell quietly on former terms. Accra shipment FF grade Jan.-March quoted 62/9 and Fe[b.]-April 63/6 per cwt. f.o.b. terms. RICE dull a[nd] quotations largely nominal; Rangoon two stars s[...] London 16/6, and forward 14/1½. Japanese Peas sl[...] spot 27/6 and Dec.-Jan. 28/3 per cwt. SPICE—Pepper dull; prices barely steady. Lampong spot 11[...] f.a.q., Jan.-March 11½d.; white Muntok L.S. Ja[n.]-March 1/6½. Cloves dull; Zanzibar spot 9¾d. to 10[...] per lb. TAPIOCA quiet; Singapore flake to Ha[...] Dec.-Jan. sellers 15/9. Sago Flour slow; Sarawak U.K. Jan.-Feb. and Feb.-March sellers 15/6 per c[wt.] JUTE quietly steady; firsts to Continent Nov.-D[ec.] buyers £30 10/-, Dec.-Jan. and Jan.-Feb. sold £30 10[/-], Feb.-March sellers £30 15/-, and March-April buy[ers] £30 15/- per ton. HEMP—Manila slow of sale; grade Nov.-Jan. quoted £47 10/- per ton. SHELLAC quieter; fair T.N. spot 200/- 202/6 to 197/6, Ma[rch] sold 197/6, and May 200/- to 197/6 per cwt. COPRA dull; tendency easier; F.M.S. Straits to Rotterd[am] Dec.-Jan. sellers £26 10/-, Jan.-Feb. £26 11/3; Du[tch] East Indies Dec.-Jan. £26 5/-, and Ceylon Dec.-J[an.] quoted £27 15/-. PALM KERNELS—Nov.-Jan. a[nd] Jan.-March sellers £19 5/- per ton. RUBBER irregular. Plantation standard sheet s[pot] sold 1/7 1/7¼ to 1/7, Jan. 1/7¼ 1/7¼ to 1/7¼, Ja[n.-]March 1/7¼ to 1/7¼, April-June 1/7¼ 1/8¼ to 1/[...] and July-Sept. 1/8½ per lb.; Jan. to Dec., 1928, [...] 1/10. To New York, ribbed smoked sheet Nov. [...] 1/7¼ and first crepe April-June 1/8 c.i.f. OILS—Linseed steady; spot quoted 31/3, Jan.-April 30[...] May-Aug. 29/10½. Rape dull; crude spot 45/-, refi[ned] 47/-. Cotton maintained; crude Egyptian 31/6, com[...] edible 38/-. Coconut dull; Ceylon spot pipes 4[...] shipment 41/6. Turpentine easier; American spot 58[...] and Jan.-April and May-June 59/9 per cwt. Ro[sin] and Petroleum unaltered. OILSEEDS—Linseed mar[ket] quiet and easier; Calcutta to London Dec. sellers £1[...] Dec.-Jan. £16 17/6, Plate to Hull Dec. sold £15 8[...] to £15 10/-, new crop Jan.-Feb. £14 10/-. Rapeseed firm; Toria to Hull-Continent Dec.-Jan. sellers £18 5[...] Jan.-Feb. £17 12/6. Cottonseed steady; Egyptian black to Hull afloat sold £8 8/9, Feb.-March £8 10[...] white ditto quoted £8. Bombay Dec.-Jan. and Ja[n.-] Feb. £7 10/- per ton. Groundnuts firmly he[ld]. TALLOW—No public sales held, and privately there [is] a small business passing at generally steady rates.

LIVERPOOL.—SUGAR—Tate and Lyle's quotations:—Crystals, No. 1 35/9, small No. 1 35/3, N[o.] 2 34/-, bright 33/10½; granulated, standard 33[...] H.T.S. 33/10½, coarse 34/1½, fine 34/1½, ex refinery Liverpool, less 1½ p.c. discount. Cubes, ex refinery London—First quality 38/-, H.T.S. 37/9, afternoon [...] 38/3, less 1½ p.c. discount.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR.—The market [is] firm for actual sugar. There is a fair business doing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.—American futures. Values opened higher, but eased on hedge selling. Prices again receded later on poor support, and low[er] American cables. The market closed quiet. Spot sales 5,000 bales (including for export, 100 bales). American futures—Tendency quiet: December 6.62d., Janu[ary] 6.63d., February 6.66d., March 6.74d., April 6.78[d.], May 6.84d., June 6.88d., July 6.94d., August 6.96[d.], September 6.99d., October 7.01d., November 7.03[d.], December 7.04d. Egyptian futures—Tendency stead[y]: January 13.10d., March 12.80d., May 12.68d., J[uly] 13.53d., October 12.65d.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN STEADIER.

The market for TIN exhibited a steadier to[ne], sellers being more reserved in face of improved inquiries. Cash on balance was unaltered, while forw[ard] ruled 7/6 per ton dearer compared with the closing [...] of Tuesday. Standard cash quoted £297 15/- [...] £298, three months £294 7/6 to £294 12/6; set[tle]ment price £298. 1,000 tons sold, comprising cash £297 to £297 5/-, three months £294, £295 1[...] and £294 10/-; English ingots quoted £296 10[/-]. COPPER fully steady at 2/6 per ton advance, w[ith] dealings on fair scale. Standard cash quoted £56 1[...] to £56 12/6, three months £57 7/6 to £57 10[/-]; settlement price £56 10/-. 700 tons sold; cash £56 5/- to £56 11/3, three months £57 5/-, £57 3[...] and £57 7/6; electros quoted £63 15/- to £64 [...] wire bars £64 5/-. LEAD maintained. 800 t[ons] sold; good soft foreign pig December at £28 17[...] February £29, March £29 2/6, £29, and £29 1[...] settlement price £28 17/6; English quoted £30 10[/-]. SPELTER fully steady. 625 tons sold; January £32 15/-, February £32 13/9 to £32 15/-, Ma[rch] £32 13/9, £32 12/6, and again at £32 13/9, A[pril] £32 13/9; settlement price £32 15/- ton.

GLASGOW IRON AND STEEL.—Pig iron: Sellers of No. 3 Scotch yesterday quoted 97/6 [...] Glasgow, No. 3 Middlesbrough 85/- to 87/6 [...] Middlesbrough, mixed numbers East Coast hemat[ite] 92/6 forward delivery.

IRISH FAIRS.

TEMPO.—Held on Tuesday. Limited supplies [of] stock in all sections. Demand for the best anim[als] fairly good, with prices steady. Springers fetch[ed] from £18 to £24; milchers, £15 to £19; two a[nd] three year old heifers and bullocks, £14 10[/-] £17 10/-; six-quarter olds, £10 10/- to £13 10[/-]; year-olds, £7 10/- to £9 10/-; weanling calves, [...] to £6; strippers, £10 10/- to £12 10/-; aged a[nd] dry cows, £6 10/- to £9 10/-; fat sheep, £4 [...] £5 5/-; ewes and wethers, £2 5/- to £3 5/-; br[ood] sows, £8 10/- to £11 10/-; slip pigs, £5 to £[...] suckers, £2 10/- to £3 10/-.

CANADIAN CATTLE EXPORTS.

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

MONTREAL, Wednesday.

Trade slow; prices steady. Sailings:—Liverpool — Welshman, 570 cattle. Glasgow— Kearney, 336 cattle. To Ma[n]chester—Regiment, 198 cattle. Total, 1,10[4].

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SELECTIONS FOR NEWBURY MEETING TO-DAY.

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Irish Times	Palatial.	Simon's Light; if ab., Zarane.	Glen Andred or Border Ranger.	Ormuzd.*	Hawker.	Friar Wile.
Galtee More	—	Inverveigh.	Border Ranger.	—	—	
S Life and Sportsman	Waterford Glass II.	Zarane.	Glen Andred.*	Ormuzd.	Mitchells.	Footer.
Man on the Spot	Fitzpicton.	Zarane.	Border Ranger.	Ormuzd.*	Mitchells.	Friar Wile.
Westminster Gazette	Bright Blue.	Mizzen Mast.	Border Ranger.	Ormuzd.	Mitchells.	Footer.
Daily Express	Pease's selected; if ab., Bright Blue.	Inverveigh; if ab., Zarane.	Border Ranger* each way.	Ormuzd; if ab., Rolie.	His Luck; if ab., Mitchells.	Friar Wile, next best.
Daily Mirror	Fitzpicton.	Zarane.	Border Ranger.	Clonlara.	Hawker.	Friar Wile; if ab., Footer.
Daily Sketch	Commander Smith.	Mizzen Mast.	Glen Andred.	Slieve Rue; if ab., Cloth of Gold.	Mitchells.	Friar Wile.
Star	Fleecy Wave.	Mizzen Mast.	Border Ranger.*	Slieve Rue.	Mitchells.	Smith Seal.
Evening News	Fitzpicton.*	Inverveigh; if ab., Crock Hill.	Kisser.	Ormuzd.	Mitchells.	Footer.*
Evening Standard	Broken Wand.	Inverveigh.	Lordi.	The Ock.	Snow Crest.	Big Ben.
The Times	Bright Blue.	Mah Jongg.	Glen Andred.	Ormuzd.	His Luck.	Friar Wile.

PROSPECTUS.

£4 PER CENT. CONSOLIDATED LOAN,

Redeemable at Par on any Half-yearly Interest Date on or after 1st February, 1957, at the option of His Majesty's Government, at three months' notice.

Interest payable half-yearly, on the 1st February and 1st August.

First Dividend of £1 5/- per £100 payable 1st August, 1927.

PRICE OF ISSUE, £85 PER CENT., Payable as follows:—

On Application	£2 per cent.
On Tuesday, 1st February, 1927	£13 per cent.
On Wednesday, 6th April	£25 per cent.
On Wednesday, 4th May	£45 per cent.
	£85 per cent.

The Stock is an investment authorised by "The Trustee Act, 1925."

THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND are authorised to receive applications for the above Loan.

The principal and interest of the Loan will be a charge on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom.

The Loan will not be redeemable before the 1st February, 1957, but, on and after that date, may be redeemed at par on any half-yearly interest date at the option of His Majesty's Government, on three months' notice being given in the "London Gazette."

His Majesty's Government undertake, for a period of ten years, commencing on the 1st May, 1927, and ending on the 30th April, 1937, so long as the price of the Loan is at or below par, to apply moneys at the rate of £2,500,000 during each quarter year to the purchase of the Loan in the market for cancellation.

The books of the Loan will be kept at the Bank of England.

Holdings may be in the form of:—

1. Inscribed Stock "transferable in the books."
2. Registered Stock "transferable by deed," or
3. Bonds to bearer, in denominations of £50, £100, £200, £500, £1,000, and £5,000, and the several holdings will be interchangeable without payment of any fee. Stock will be transferable in sums which are even multiples of one penny.

Interest will be paid half-yearly, on the 1st February and the 1st August. A first payment of £1 5/- per cent. will be made on the 1st August, 1927. Interest on stock will be paid by warrants, transmitted by post. Income tax will be deducted from all dividends of more than £5 per annum, except in cases in which instructions to the contrary are given by the Inland Revenue authorities. Interest on bonds to bearer will be paid by coupon.

Powers of attorney for the transfer of inscribed stock, deeds for the transfer of registered stock, and bonds to bearer will be free of stamp duty.

This issue will not be regarded as a "Loan issued for the purposes of the present war" within the meaning of Rule 3, Schedule C. of the Income Tax Act, 1918.

Applications, which must be accompanied by a deposit of £2 per cent., will be received at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6 Lombard street, E.C. 5. In case of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will be applied towards payment of the first instalment. Should there be a surplus after making that payment, such surplus will be refunded by cheque.

Applications must be for £50 of the Loan, or for even multiples thereof. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £50 of the Loan. Allotment letters will not be posted until Wednesday, 19th January, 1927.

Instalments may be paid in full after allotment under discount at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum. In the case of full payments made before the 1st February, 1927, discount will only be allowed from the latter date. Default in the payment of any instalment by its proper date will render the deposit, and any instalments previously paid, liable to forfeiture and the allotment to cancellation.

Scrip Certificates to Bearer, with Coupon attached for the interest payable on the 1st August, 1927, will be issued in exchange for allotment letters. These Scrip Certificates, when fully paid, can be inscribed or registered, or they may be retained to be exchanged on or after 2nd July, 1927, for Bonds to Bearer.

Until the 2nd July, 1927, 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan issued in respect of cash subscriptions will be designated 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan "A" but on that date it will be amalgamated with 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan raised as the result of the conversion offers set out in this Prospectus.

5 PER CENT. TREASURY BONDS, DUE 1st FEBRUARY, 1927.

Holders of the above Bonds may surrender their holdings in whole or in part and receive therefor 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan at the rate of £117 15/- Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds then payable.

Holders who accept this offer will receive the interest payable on the 1st February, 1927, in respect of the 5 per cent. Treasury Bonds then due, and a full half-year's interest on the 4 per cent. Consolidated Loan will be paid on the 1st August, 1927.

Applications for the conversion of Registered Bonds, transferable by deed, must be accompanied by the relative Register Certificates. Applications for the conversion of Bearer Bonds must be accompanied by the relative Bonds, from which the Coupons due the 1st February, 1927, must first be detached.

Inscribed or Registered Holdings will be convertible into Stock, which will in each case be transferable in the same manner as the converted holding. Bearer Bonds will be convertible into Stock "transferable in the books" or "transferable by deed" at the option of the holder. Stock will be exchangeable in due course for Bonds to Bearer.

5 PER CENT. NATIONAL WAR BONDS, DUE 1st OCTOBER, 1927.
4 PER CENT. NATIONAL WAR BONDS, DUE 1st OCTOBER, 1927.

Holders of these Bonds may surrender their Holdings in whole or in part, and receive therefor:—

5 Per Cent. Consolidated Loan at the rate of £124 5/-. Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal 5 Per Cent. National War Bonds, due 1st October, 1927.

4 Per Cent. Consolidated Loan at the rate of £118. Consolidated Loan for each £100 nominal 4 Per Cent. National War Bonds, due 1st October, 1927.

Interest from the 1st October, 1926, to the 1st February, 1927, on the surrendered Holdings will be paid on the 1st February, 1927, and a full half-year's interest on the 4 Per Cent. Consolidated Loan will be paid on the 1st August, 1927.

Applications for the conversion of Registered Bonds transferable by deed must be accompanied by the relative Register Certificates. Applications for the conversion of Bearer Bonds must be accompanied by the relative Bonds, together with all Coupons due subsequent to the 1st October, 1926.

Inscribed or Registered Holdings will be convertible into Stock, which will in each case be transferable in the same manner as the converted Holding. Bearer Bonds will be convertible into Stock "transferable in the books," or "transferable by deed," at the option of the holder. Stock will be exchangeable in due course for Bonds to Bearer.

Commission, as under, will be paid to bankers and stockbrokers in respect of accepted applications bearing their stamp, viz.:—

On applications to be paid for in cash: 5/- per £100 nominal 4 Per Cent. Consolidated Loan allotted.

On Conversion Applications received by the Bank of England, or the Bank of Ireland, not later than Friday, 7th January, 1927: 5/- per £100 nominal 5 Per Cent. Treasury Bonds, 1927, or 5 Per Cent. National War Bonds, 1927, or 4 Per Cent. National War Bonds, 1927, surrendered.

On Conversion Applications received by the Bank of England, or the Bank of Ireland, after the 7th January, 1927: 2/6 per £100 nominal 5 Per Cent. Treasury Bonds, 1927, or 5 Per Cent. National War Bonds, 1927, or 4 Per Cent. National War Bonds, 1927, surrendered.

APPLICATIONS

1—For the Conversion of Stock Inscribed or Registered in the Books of the Bank of England, must be lodged at the Bank of England, London, E.C. 2;

2—For the Conversion of Stock Inscribed or Registered in the Books of the Bank of Ireland, Dublin, must be lodged at the Bank of Ireland, Dublin;

3—For the Conversion of Stock Inscribed or Registered in the Books of the Bank of Ireland, Belfast, must be lodged at the Bank of Ireland, Belfast;

4—For the Conversion of Bearer Bonds and all cash applications — must be lodged at the Bank of England Loans Office, 5 and 6 Lombard street, London, E.C. 5.

Application Forms may be obtained, together with copies of this Prospectus, at the Bank of England; at the Bank of Ireland; of Messrs. Mullens, Marshall, Steer, Lawford and Co., 13 George street, Mansion House, E.C.4; and at any Bank or Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

IN THE CASE OF CONVERSION APPLICATIONS, FORMS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT BY POST TO ALL HOLDERS OF REGISTERED OR INSCRIBED STOCK (IN THE CASE OF JOINT ACCOUNTS—TO THE FIRST HOLDER).

The List for cash applications will be Closed on or before Thursday, the 6th day of January, 1927. The List for conversion applications will be Closed on Friday, the 14th day of January, 1927.

Bank of England,
London,
29th December, 1926.

N.B.—5 p.c. Treasury Bonds, 1927, and National War Bonds, 1927, of the Post Office issue, will not be convertible at the Bank of England; they will be convertible at the Post Office under the arrangements set forth in the separate Prospectus issued by His Majesty's Postmaster-General.

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The sum of £.............., being the amount of the required deposit (namely, £2 for every £100 of Loan applied for), is enclosed.

SIGNATURE ....

NAME (IN FULL) (BLOCK LETTERS) ....
(State whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss.)

ADDRESS ....

DATE .... 192...

N.B.—Applications must be for not less than £50, and for multiples of £50.

Cheques should be made payable to "Bearer," and crossed thus:

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The List for cash applications will be Closed on or before Thursday, the 6th January, 1927.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

TONE AND COMMENT.

DUBLIN FLUCTUATING.

BANK STOCK STRONG.

Business was exceedingly quiet on 'Change again yesterday, with a certain amount of interesting price fluctuations. The features were the strength of Bank of Ireland Stock and the setback in Courtaulds. Government National 5 p.c. Loan was better, but Land Bonds weakened. British Funds were quiet, awaiting the new Loan terms. Irish Land 2¾ p.c. stock was good. The Bank market was dull generally, but Bank of Ireland Stock rose sharply, but closed under best point touched, while Munsters and Nationals both eased a little. Breweries and Distilleries closed firmer, but the market was limited. Guinness improved. Rails were, if anything, a shade better. Trams and Gas were quiet markets. Switzer Ord., among Drapery issues, improved, and closed bid for. Courtaulds relapsed sharply from the previous day's advance. Coats were well supported, and Calicos and Dyers rose a little. Tobaccos were still absorbed in a confident way. Lever Bros. issues were easier. Dunlop Rubber Ord. opened a few pence higher, and then turned dull and easier.

LONDON FIRM.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC INCREASES.

Business continued on a small scale in the majority of sections of the London Stock Markets yesterday, but a generally firm tone prevailed. Business continued small in the Gilt-edged section, and during the early hours a slightly easier tendency was manifest. Later, however, a firmer tone developed, and the few initial depreciations were regained. Little of interest transpired in Foreign Government Stocks, and at the close overnight values were repeated in practically every instance. Home Rails, on the other hand, displayed a distinctly firmer tendency. The traffic returns registered increases for the first time since the beginning of the coal strike, except in the case of Southern, which is the second occasion. The increases were—Midland £106,000, Great Western £60,000, North-Eastern £17,000, and Southerns £21,000. Colonial and Foreign Rails continued firm, and quotations rallied further. Canadian Pacifics, however, registered a further decline.

Industrials were generally quiet and steady, but here and there individual features presented themselves. Tobaccos were a good spot. Textiles were steady to firm, but Courtaulds continued heavy, and a further depreciation was marked. Dunlops were dullish, but Swedish Match "B" were harder. A good tone prevailed in Iron, Coal and Steels, but Electrical Equipments were easier. Rubbers were firm, and Oils were somewhat irregular. Mines, as a whole, were quiet.

PEARSON AND KNOWLES MORATORIUM.

A circular was posted last night to the Debenture stock-holders and bond-holders of the Pearson and Knowles Coal and Iron Co., Ltd., Warrington, intimating that the directors are forced to ask holders of 1st Mortgage Debenture stock, the 6 per cent. Debentures and bonds of the company to agree to certain modifications of their right, so as to enable the company to restore its position. The principal modification proposed is that holders of guarantees of the company shall agree to a moratorium for a period of three years. The following securities of the company are affected by this scheme:—Firstly, the 7½ per cent. 1st Mortgage Debenture stock, £970,000; secondly, the 6 per cent. 1st Mortgage Debentures held by the company's bankers; and, thirdly, bonds issued by the company (£118,800). So far as the first stock is concerned, holders will be entitled during the moratorium period to be paid interest on their stock at the rate of 5½ per cent. per annum in cash. The company's bankers, as holders of the 6 per cent. Debentures of the company, have approved the scheme. The share capital is not affected by the scheme. It is explained that the company, like most others engaged in the heavy industries, has been seriously affected by the depression in the iron and steel trades, these difficulties being increased by foreign competition and the coal stoppage. Like difficulties have been experienced by the company's subsidiary concern—the Partington Steel and Iron Co., Ltd., in respect of which a scheme of arrangement is also proposed. Both companies are subsidiaries of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd., whose stock-holders and note-holders recently approved a scheme on somewhat similar lines. The circular issued last night states that, by the scheme proposed to be made between the Partington Steel and Iron Co. and the holders of its 6 per cent. Debenture and 7½ per cent. Five-year Notes, the holders of the 6 per cent. Debentures and the notes of the company are asked to agree to certain modifications of their rights, so as to enable the company to restore its position. The moratorium proposed is for three years. The scheme does not affect the rights of the 1st Mortgage Debenture holders or shareholders.

BASS-WORTHINGTON TERMS.

It is now announced that meetings of the shareholders of Bass, Ratcliff and Gretton will be held on Friday to consider the arrangements for the unification of the company's interests with those of Worthington and Company. According to the *Weekly Official Intelligence*, issued under the authority of the London Stock Exchange, the shareholders of Worthington and Company are to be given the opportunity of exchanging their present holdings for shares of Bass and Company, the basis being three Worthington £10 Ordinary for 25 Bass £1 Ordinary shares, plus a cash payment of 4s. At the current price of 53s. 6d. per share, 25 Bass Ordinary are worth £66 17s. 6d., so that, allowing for the small cash payment in addition, a value of around £22 is attached to each Worthington Ordinary share. Thus the purchase price of Worthington's Ordinary capital, expressed in the market value of Bass Ordinary, is not far short of £1,800,000.

MAPS OF A GREAT BANK.

The Midland Bank Limited has just issued a new edition of the maps of its own branches and those of affiliated banks. These maps are folded and bound in a cover of pocket size, and are prepared for the convenience of customers and the use of the staff. In addition to the principal map, covering the whole of the United Kingdom, there are numerous insets in which are indicated the detailed situation of branches in important provincial centres and districts, as well as large-scale maps of Central London and of London and the suburbs, showing not only the offices of the bank, but principal thoroughfares, railway stations and important landmarks. This is a new and useful feature of the London maps. The bank itself has in England and Wales no less than 1,900 branches. In addition, its affiliations, the Belfast, Clydesdale and North of Scotland Banks, between them possess upwards of 440 offices in Scotland or Northern Ireland.

DRAPERY TRUST ISSUE.

During the week-end an offer will be made of 1,200,000 7 per cent. Cumulative Participating Preference shares of £1 each, at par, and 200,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each, at 24s. per share, in the Drapery Trust, Ltd. The Preference shares will participate in surplus profits up to 8 per cent. after the Ordinary shares have received 7 per cent. Applicants and allottees for every six Preference shares will be entitled to purchase one Ordinary share. The new capital is primarily required to provide funds for the purchase of the further businesses which the Trust has recently acquired.

GLENCAIRN TRUST.

The Glencairn Trust, Ltd., was registered in Belfast on December 21 as a private company, with a nominal capital of £75,000 in £10 shares. The objects are to purchase stock, debenture stock, bonds, real and personal property, etc. The directors are: J. Cunningham, Glencairn, Glencairn road, Belfast; S. Cunningham, Fernhill, Glencairn road, Belfast; J. Cunningham, junior, Fernhill, Glencairn road, Belfast; J. C. Cunningham, Fernhill, Glencairn road, Belfast; D. M. Cunningham, Fernhill, Glencairn road, Belfast. Secretary, D. M. Cunningham. The registered office is at 1 Linfield road, Belfast.

LONDON CHANGES.

Dealings remained on a small scale in the Gilt-edged market yesterday, and, as a consequence of the paucity of interest, a slightly easier tendency was manifest during the early hours. Later in the day, however, a firmer tone became evident, final values being the same as before in practically every direction.

Foreign Government Stocks experienced an extremely quiet session, but overnight values were generally maintained.

RAILS STRONGER.

A stronger tone developed in Home Rails, and prices were marked higher in practically all the recognised leaders. Great Westerns advanced to 87, or ½ firmer; while Midland Ord. at 75 were also ½ to the good. North-Eastern 5 p.c. Pref. Ord. at 50½ were ½ harder, while the Def. Ord. at 18½ were ¼ better. Among Southerns, the Def. Ord. at 44 were ½ up, while Metropolitan Consols at 63½ also marked an improvement of ½. Underground Ord. firmed up to 12s. 6d., or 6d. above the overnight level.

A firm tone continued in Colonial and Foreign Rails, and a number of appreciable improvements were registered. "Canpacs," however, continued dull, and a further decline of a point was recorded to 172. B.A. issues, on the other hand, were marked higher in most cases, the Pacific rising ½, and Western, at 85½, and Centrals, at 79, were ½ and a point firmer, respectively. Antofagasta Ord. moved with a rise of ½ to 79½, and Cordoba Central Ord. and 1st Pref. both gained ½ to 40½ and 86, respectively. Entre Rios Ord. were a good spot, and here an advance of a full point was recorded to 70, while United Havana at 75½ were ½ to the good.

RUBBER SHARES FIRM.

Although the volume of business transacted in the Rubber share market continued on a small scale a distinctly firmer tone prevailed, and quotations were marked forward in many directions, while in only two or three cases were final values easier. A slightly irregular tendency prevailed in the commodity market, and the price of the raw material eased, after having hardened in the early hours. Spot was quoted 1s. 7d., 1s. 7¼d. and 1s. 7d. per lb., while January fetched 1s. 7¼d., 1s. 7¼d. and 1s. 7¼d. per lb. Forward positions moved on similar lines. In the share market, Anglo-Sumatra were a firm spot at 90s. x.d., or 2s. 6d. higher, while Bah Lias at 47s. 6d. were 1s. 3d. to the good. Glenshiel finished 7½d. better at 23s. 1½d., and Serdang Central and Sialang spurted to 42s. 6d. and 61s. 3d. respectively. Tandjong Malim put on 7½d. Yam Seng went 3d. higher, while Toerangie and United Sua Betong were both 2s. 6d. to the good. Telegoredjo, on the other hand, dropped to 62s. 6d., or 1s. 3d. lower, and Bukit Cloh and Bukit Mertajam were 3d. and 1½d. lower respectively.

TEA SHARES IDLE.

Dealings were again on an extremely small scale in the Tea share market, but, despite the paucity of interest, a generally steady tone was manifest. Actual price movements were few, but, while here and there higher levels were registered, others were finally marked the turn lower.

OIL SHARES IRREGULAR.

An irregular tendency developed in the Oil Share market yesterday, for while strength was displayed by Burmahs, Apex, Phoenix and Lobitos, other favourites became easier. Some hesitation was noticeable at the start and a little profit-taking was indulged in, which was followed by attempts to "bang" the market. A rally occurred, but Paris came in a seller of Royal Dutch and Shells, and in the afternoon New York was reported easier. Although shrinkages were recorded in most of the leading counters, they were of a small amount, and the market in them was firm at the lower levels. Shells left off with a loss of 1/32 at 4 11/16, the bearer shares being down a like extent at 4 11/16. Shell Unions came over lower from New York in the afternoon and gave way to 30. In both Shells and Royal Dutch Paris selling was a factor, and the latter fell ¼ to 32⅝. Burmahs continued in demand and advanced at one time to 6½, while the final price of 6 15/32 left them 1/32 up on the day. Anglo-Persians gave way to 4½, at which a shrinkage of 1/32 was recorded; the 8 p.c. Prefs. eased to 26s. 4½d.

An outstanding feature of strength and activity was again provided in the Trinidad group by Apex, which continued in demand at advancing prices; at the close a further rise of 3/32 was recorded to 6 15/32. A strong demand arose in the afternoon for Trinidad Centrals, in which it was reported that a large option had been done. The shares finished in the "house" at 11s. 9d., but in the "street" they were further bid up to 12s. 6d., which left them 2s. 6d. up on the day. A rumour was in circulation in the "street" that Trinidad Centrals may be taken over by the Anglo-Persian Oil Co. This report was in circulation at too late an hour for inquiries to be made as to its accuracy. Nevertheless, it is well known that a party of Anglo-Persian geologists have been making a thorough survey of the property of Trinidad Central, their work having been in progress for some months past.

INDUSTRIALS BRIGHTER.

Although business in the Industrial Market was mainly professional the tone generally continued cheerful, with Iron and Steel descriptions well supported on indications of a brighter trade outlook in the new year. On the Teesside and North Yorkshire it is reported that more firms are restarting their machinery. About twenty-six blast furnaces have been put into operation in this district since the end of the coal stoppage, and arrangements for restarting more ironstone mines are said to be well advanced. Cargo Fleets spurted 1s. 6d. to 15s. 3d., and gains of 1/16 were registered by South Durham Steel at 2 11/16, and Chinese Engineering at 1 1/16. Hadfields put on 1s. to 18s., and Consett Iron at 18s. 3d. and Powell Duffryns at 30s. each gained 9d. Buyers were also in evidence for other Iron and Steel Shares. Apart from General Electrics, which hardened to 31s., the Electrical Equipment section had a dull appearance. Of the Supply Shares, South Londons weakened 1s. to 24s. 3d. Little disposition was shown to support prices in the Textile division, where Calico Printers were marked down 1s. to 30s. Of the Artsilks, Courtaulds proved a disappointing market to holders, with a further decline of 1/16 to 4 15/16. Celanese issues were subject to realisations, following the recent upward movement, the Ordinary losing 6d. at 5s. 9d. and the Prefs. 6d. at 9s. 3d. Dyestuffs remained firm at 17s. 9d.

Pronounced strength was again displayed by Carreras, which changed hands up to 18⅞ at one time, and finished another 1/16 to the good on balance at 18⅝, with the "A" Shares finally 18¼ after 18⅜. R. and J. Hill also continued in strong request, with an advance of 3s. 9d. to 57s. 6d. Other Tobacco descriptions were easier for choice. Godfrey Phillips reacted ⅛ to 5 1/16, and United South Defd. fell 1/16 to 4 7/16, with "B.A.T.S." 6d. easier at 100s. 6d., and "Imps" 3d. down at 118s. Breweries attracted attention, with Bass Ord. marked up 1/16 to 2¾, Guinness 5 to 575, and Watney Defd. 3 to 267½. Ind Coope were also inquired for at 66s. 6d. Banks were more active, with some of the home issues in request. Canadian Car Common were moved up another 5 points to 49½, and among other Tractions Barcelonas gained 1 at 34, with Mexico Trams also 1 to the good at 19. No decided tendency was displayed by Nitrates, where Santiagos closed ⅛ higher at 1¼, and Aguas Blancas 3d. easier at 4s. Insurance and Shipping shares moved within narrow limits. Employers' Liability were favoured with an advance of ⅛ to 4¼, and Furness-Withy improved 6d. to 34s. 6d. Motor shares were quiet, though an inquiry was noticeable for Wolseley Motor Debs., which were marked up to 45 as a result of the offers put forward to purchase the assets. Hudson's Bays were again the feature in the Land group, with a further advance of 1/16 to 6¼. Stores, Catering and Foodstuffs showed little variation, though Apollinaris Ord. had buyers around 10s. Among Wireless descriptions, Marconis received support at 14s. 3d. Some irregularity was witnessed in the News group. Associated Defd. at 9¼ and "Mirrors" at 9⅛ closed ⅛ easier, while Allieds put on 2s. to 53s. Inveresks advanced to 5¼, closing with a net gain of 1/16 at 5 5/16. International Pulp Pref. eased to 37s. 3d. Amalgamated Press new continued in evidence, with an advance of 1s. to 24s. 9d.

In the Miscellaneous department Chemical issues continued active, but, apart from a rise of 1s. 3d. to 38s. 9d. in Brunner Monds, showed no great variation on balance. Imperial Chemical Ord. gained 4½d. at 22s. Strong buying of Gramophones saw a further advance in the shares to the extent of 3s. 9d. to 68s. 9d., with Columbia Graphophones closing another 2s. to the good at 50s. Buyers were still in evidence for Swedish Match "B" Shares, which hardened 1/16 to 16 1/16, with the "A" Shares a similar amount up at 16.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

BRITISH FUNDS, ETC.

—	Closing.		Rise or fall.
Consols	53	54½*	
War Loan, 3½%	99	99½	
Do. 4½%	93½	94½	
Do. 5%	100⅝	100⅝	
Do. 4% (Tax Free)	100½	101	
Funding Loan	84½	85¼	
Victory Bonds	91¾	92¼	
3½% Conversion Loan	74½	75	
4½% Conversion Loan	94¼	94¾	
5% Treasury Bonds	101¼	101¾	
Irish Land 2¾%	56	58*	
India 3%	59½	60½	
Do. 3½%	70½	71½	
Do. 5½%	101	102*	
Do. 7%	101	103	
Local Loans	62½	63	
Sudan 5½%	106	108	

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Australian Com. 5½%	100	101	
Do. do. 6%	102	104	
British Col. 4½, '41	93	95	
Canada 4%	87	89	
Cape 3½ Cons.	77	79*	
Ceylon 6%	106	108	
New South Wales 4½, '22-7	98	99	
Do. do. 5½, 1922-7	99	100	
Do. do. 6½%, 1930-40	102	104	
New Zealand 4%, '29	96	98	
Nigeria 6%	110	112	
Queensland 4%, '40-50	77	79	
Do. 6%, '30-40	101	103	
South Africa 4% Cons.	85	87	
Do. 6%	102	104	
South Australian 4%, '40-60	78	80*	
Do. 6½%	102	104	
Victoria 4%, '40-60	80	82	
Do. 6¼%, 1923-5	100	102	
Western Australia 3%, '35-45	96	98	
Do. do. 6%, 1930-40	100	102	

BANKS.

Anglo-South American	6¾	7	+ 1/16
Australasia	13⅝	14⅛	
Bank of England	244	249	
Bank of New South Wales	42½	43½*	
Do. New Zealand	2¾	3*	
Barclay's A	7¾	8⅛	
British Overseas	5 15/16	6 1/16*	
Canadian of Commerce	46	48	
Chartered of India	19½	20	
Hong Kong	112	115	
Lloyds	62/9	63/9	+0/3
Midland	8¾	9	
National Discount Bank	8⅝	8⅝	
National Prov. (£4)	12 15/16	13 1/16	
Royal of Canada	33	35	
Standard of South Africa	13¼	13¾	
Union of Australia	14¾	15¼	
Westminster Bank	18 9/16	18 11/16	+ 1/16

FOREIGN BONDS.
M.U.—Dec. 24.

M.U.				
101½	Argentine, 1886	101	103	
81½	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	82	84	
92	Do. 5 p.c., 1909	93	95	
—	Belgian 7 p.c. Loan	9	9¼ pm	
52¾	Brazil 4 p.c. 1889	52	54	
90	Do. Funding 1908	89	91	
73¼	Do. 5 p.c., 1914	77	79	
83	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	84	86	
61½	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	62	64	
44½	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	44	47	
106¼	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	105	107	
81¼	Egyptian Unified	81	82	
13¼	French Loan	12¾	13¼	
10⅛	Do. 4 p.c.	9½	10⅛*	
104¼	German 7 p.c.	104	106	
93¼	Greek Loan	93½	94½	
16	Italian Rentes	15	17	
93½	Japan 4 p.c., 1905	93	95	
—	Do. 6 p.c., 1924	94½	95½	
42¼	Mexican 5 p.c., '99	43	45	
44¾	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas.	45	55	
7½	Peruvian Corporation	7¼	7¾	
54¾	Do. Pref.	54½	55½	
100	Do. Deb.	99	101	
37½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	37	39	
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	69	74	
21	Turkish Unified	21	22	
66½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	66	67	

BRITISH RAILS.

85¾	Great Western	86½	87½	+ ½
—	Do. Cons. Pref.	93	95	
73⅛	Ldn. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	74½	75½	+ ½
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	73	75	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	96	99	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	71	73	
50	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	50	51	+ ½
18⅛	Do. Def. Ord.	18¼	18¾	+ ¼
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	65	67	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	57	59	
63¾	Metropolitan	63	64	+ ½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	89	92	
58¼	Do. District	57	59	
76¾	Southern Pref. Ord.	77	78	
43½	Do. Def. Ord.	43½	44½	+ ½
12/1½	Underground Elec. (£1)	12/0	13/0	+0/6
102¾	Do. Income Bonds	101	103	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	102	104	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

77½	Antofagasta	78½	80½	+ ½
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	82½	85	
—	Bahia Blanca	5	[illegible]	
—	Brazil Railway Common	1	1¼	
101	Buenos Ayres Gt. Sthn.	100½	102½	
88¼	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	87½	89½	+ ½
84¼	Buenos Ayres & W.	84½	85½	+ ½
173	Canadian Pacific	171	173	-1
77	Central Argentine	78	80	+1
—	Central Uruguay	75	77	
39¼	Cordoba Central	39½	41½	+ ½
88¼	Do. 1st Pref.	85	87	+ ½
58	Do. 2nd Pref.	57½	59½	
68	Entre Rios	69	71	+1
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	87	89	
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	58	60	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	76	78*	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	77	79	
48½	Leopoldina	48	50	
6¾	Mexican Rails	6½	7½	
—	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	19	21	
9½	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	9	11	
182	San Paulo Ord	180	184	
74	United Havana	74½	76½	+ ½

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	170	172	-3
—	Baltimore	110	112	-1
—	Chesapeake	166	168*	-1
—	Chicago, Milwaukee	8	9	
42½	Erie	41	43	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	54	56	-1
—	New York, Ontario	25	27	
125	Southern Common	127	129	
—	Do. Pref.	96	98	
—	Southern Pacific	112	114	-1
168	Union Pacific	164	166	-2

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

18/0	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅞	1	
97	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	96	99	
—	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	88	90	
53/6	Do. Ord.	2 11/16	2 13/16	+ 1/16
53/6	Distillers Ord.	2⅝	2¾	
575	Guinness	565	585	+ 5
—	Do. Pref.	112	117	
21/3	Peter Walker Ord.	21/0	22/0	
50/0	South African Breweries	2 11/16	2 15/16*	
21/0	Walker (John) Pref.	21/0	22/0	
255	Watney, Combe Def.	265	270	+ 3

ELECTRIC SUPPLY.

—	Bournemouth and Poole	2 29/32	3 1/32	
23/0	Charing Cross	24/6	25/6	
—	Chelsea Ord.	24/3	25/3	
41/3	City of London	40/0	42/0	
61/0	County of London	25/3	26/9	
—	Lancashire	23/0	25/0	
23/6	London Electric	23/6	24/6	
—	Metropolitan	38/6	39/6	
20/9	Newcastle	1	1⅛	
24/0	St. James's	23/6	24/6	
—	South London	23/9	24/9	-1/0
24/6	Westminster	24/0	25/0	
—	Whitehall Electric Pref.	19/10½	20/4½	

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

29/0	Aerated Bread	28/6	29/6*	
41/9	Bovril Def.	2	2⅛	
2/9	Crosse and Blackwell	2/0	3/0	
13/0	Lipton	12/6	13/6	
30/0	Lovell and Christmas	1 7/16	1 9/16	
3 15/16	Lyons (J.)	3 13/16	4 1/16*	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	24/3	25/3	
5/1½	Maypole Def.	4/9	5/3	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	7/16	9/16	
2¼	Spratt's Patent	2 5/16	2 9/16	
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	18/3	19/3	
28/0	Van Den Berghs	1 5/16	1 7/16	
—	Do. Pref.	4⅝	5¼	

IRON AND STEEL.

3/0	Armstrong (W. G.)	3/0	3/6	+0/3
9/0	Cammell Laird	8/9	9/9	-0/3
11/3	Dorman Long	12/0	13/0	+0/6
14/6	John Brown	14/3	15/3	+0/3
9/6	Do. (15/- paid)	8/6	9/6	
14/3	Pease and Partners	14/6	15/6	+0/3
52/0	South Durham Steel	2 9/16	2 11/16	
29/6	Siemens	29/0	30/0	
5/6	United Steel	5/9	6/3	+0/3
8/9	Vickers Ord.	8/7½	9/1½	+0/1½

LAND AND INVESTMENT.

—	Aboukir Land	1 5/16	1 1/16	
35/0	Argentine Land Invest.	1 11/16	1 13/16	
23/0	Do. Southern Land	1⅛	1¼*	
8/6	B.N.B. Land	8/0	9/0	
22/6	Forestal Land	22/7½	23/1½	+0/1½
5¾	Hudson's Bay Ord.	6 1/16	6 3/16	+ 3/16
4/6	Pekin Syndicate	4/3	4/9	
24/0	Rio Negro Lands	1⅛	1¼	
4 13/16	Sudan Plantations	4⅞	5	+ 1/16

NEWSPAPERS.

9⅛	Assd. Newspapers Def.	9 5/16	9 9/16	- ⅛
50/6	Allied News Ord.	52/6	53/6	+2/0
—	Amalgamated Press, '22	63/6	64/6	
—	Daily Mail Trst. (10/- p.)	77/6	78/6	+0/4½
9 1/16	Daily Mirror Ord.	9 1/16	9 3/16	- ⅛
4 15/16	Sunday Pictorial Ord.	4 15/16	5 1/16	

NITRATES.

8	Alianza	7½	8½	
14/6	Lagunas Nitrate	14/0	16/0	
3¾	Lautaro Nitrate	3½	3¾	
1 1/16	Liverpool Nitrate	1 1/16	1 3/16	
2½	London Nitrate	2⅜	2⅝	
15/6	Rosario Nitrate	16/0	18/0	
1⅛	Santiago Nitrate	1⅛	1⅜	+ ⅛
9/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	8/6	9/6	

OILS.

4 5/16	Anglo-American	4 5/16	4¼	- 1/32
1 15/16	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1 15/32	2	
1 7/32	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1 7/32	1 9/32	+ 1/32
4½	Anglo-Persian Ord.	4 15/32	4 17/32	- 1/32
28/6	Do. 8 p.c. 1st Pref.	28/1½	28/7½	-0/1½
28/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	28/6	29/0	
95½	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	95	98	
6	Apex Trinidad	6⅛	6 7/16	+ 3/32
23/0	Attock	1 1/16	1 5/16	- 1/16
17/0	British Borneo Pet. (10/-)	18/1½	18/7½	+0/4½
10/9	British Burmah (8/-)	10/6	11/0	-0/3
8/0	British Controlled	8/10½	9/1½	-0/1½
9/9	Do. Pref.	9/10½	10/1½	-0/1½
6 13/32	Burmah	6 7/16	6½	+ 1/32
29/1½	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	28/9	29/3	
1/9	Caltex	1/6	1/9	-0/1½
5¾	Eagle Transport Pref.	5⅝	5⅞	
102¼	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	103	
103½	Do. Bearer	103	104	
12/6	Kern River (10/-)	12/6	13/0	+0/1½
4½	Lago (no par value)	4 19/32	4 21/32	
8 21/32	Lobitos	8 25/32	8 29/32	+ 1/16
19/1½	Mexican Eagle	18/9	19/3	-0/1½
18/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	17/6	18/0	-0/3
15/10½	Do. 7 p.c. 1st Pref.	15/9	16/0	
3/6	North Caucasian (10/-)	3/0	4/0	
4/6	Omnium	4/3	4/9	
0/7½	Oropuche (4/- sh. f.p.)	0/6	0/9	
24/0	Phoenix	24/4½	24/10½	+0/7½
32⅛	Royal Dutch	32½	32¾	- ¼
4 21/32	Shell Transport	4 21/32	4 23/32	- 1/32
9⅛	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9⅛	9⅜	
24/3	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	24/0	24/6	
1/7½	Spies (2/-)	1/7½	1/10½	
13/3	Steaua Romana	13/6	14/0	+0/6
9/3	Tankers Pref.	9/3	9/9	-0/3
9/9	Trinidad Central	12/0	13/0	+2/6
4 7/32	Trinidad Leasehold	4 7/32	4 9/32	
7/0	United Brit. Trinidad	7/0	7/3	-0/1½
3/3	Ural Caspian	3/3	4/3	
3 3/16	V.O.C. Holdings	3 3/16	3 5/16	- 1/32
5⅛	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 1/32

Among recent issues, Amalgamated Press put on 1s. to 24s. 9d. and "Illustrated News" Ord. 6d. to 2s. prem. London Power Debs. rose ¼ to 1¼ prem.

RUBBERS.
M.U.—Dec. 24.

M.U.			
3/1½	Amal. Rubber Est.	3/1½†	
49/6	Anglo-Dutch	51/3	+0/9
7/1½	Anglo-Java	7/1½	
1 23/32	Anglo-Malay	34/0	
8/0	Bertam Cons.	8/2¼‡	
5/4½	Bukit Mertajam	5/4½‡	-0/1½
3/1½	Bukit Sembawang	3/1½	
1 5/16	Buntar	25/0	+0/9
1¼	Damansara	25/0	
2¼	Grand Central	46/9	
29/32	Highlands	32/6	
2 15/16	Java Para	51/10½	
27/0	Jugra Land	27/4½	+0/3
5/9	Kamuning	5/9	
3	Kapar Para	60/0	
9/6	Kepong	9/10½‡	
3⅝	Kuala Lumpur	78/9*	
2 15/32	Kuala Muda	50/0	
2 13/16	Labu	56/3	
4/7½	Laras	4/7½	
2 15/32	Linggi	50/0	
8/6	London Asiatic	8/6*	
3 1/16	Malacca	68/9*	
2 1/32	Malayalam	41/0‡	
5/1½	Merlimau	5/1½	
1⅞	Mooply Valley	37/6‡	
3/9	Rubber Estate of Krian	3/9‡	
41/3	Rubber Trust	42/0	
2¼	Seafield (New)	45/0	
2 21/32	Sendayan	52/6	
3	Sialang	61/3	+2/6
1⅝	Straits Rubber	25/7½	
6/4½	Sumatra Para	6/6	
35/0	Tali Ayer	35/0	
3 7/16	Tandjong	70/0	
36/3	Tandjong Malim	40/0	+0/7½
7/3	United Serdang	7/4½‡	+0/1½
4⅝	United Sua Betong	96/3	+2/6
19/9	Vallambrosa	20/3‡	+0/3

Abaco	62/6		Ledbury	57/6	
Allagar	4/0		Lendu	27/6‡	
Allied Sum	22/10*	+0/4½	Loengoer	2/3	
Ampat	6/10½‡		Manch'r N.B.	36/10½*	
Anglo-Sum	90/0*	+2/6	Membakut	23/9‡	
Asahan	20/0*		Mendaris	36/3	
Bah Lias	47/6	+1/3	N. Hayoep	1/9	
Baru (Java)	62/6‡		N. Hummock	26/10½‡	
Batang	2/10½		Pahi P's (1/8p)	2/4½	
Batu Tiga	54/4½		P.P.K. (C'y'n)	29/4½	
Bernam Pr'k.	43/9		Pataling	36/3	
B.N.B.R. Tst.	17/9‡		Pegoh	53/9	
Broome Sel	26/3*		Pilmoor	49/4½*	
Bukit Cloh	7/6*	-0/3	Port Dickson	4/7½	
Bukit Kaj'ng	55/0‡		Ratanui	35/0	
Bukit Rajah	38/9‡		Rim Malacca	5/8¾	
Castlefield	9/6*		Rub. E. Joh'e.	25/7½	
Ceyln Timb'r	6/9		Sapong	70/0*	
Chersonese	3/6		Sapumalk'de.	31/10½	
Cheviot	5/3¾		Sedenak	48/9	
Cicely	8/6‡		Sekong	14/4½	
Dennistown	2/6¾		Selangor	6/1½	
Djember	50/0		Sembilan	75/0‡	
East Asiatic	4/1½		Sepang Sel	26/10½	
Eastern Sum	3/4½		Seramban	20/0	+0/3
Eastern Trst.	37/6		Serdang C'tl.	42/6	+2/6
F.M.S. Plant.	70/7½		Sing United	3/3	
Gadjah	3/6		Singap'e Para	2/10½	
Gen. Ceylon	52/3		Soember Ajoe	4/0	+0/1½
Glenbervie	32/6		Sumatra Con.	44/4½	
Glenshiel	23/1½	+0/7½	Sungei B'ya.	50/0*	
Golconda	49/4½		Sungei Choh.	28/9	
Golden Hope	44/4½*		Sungei K'par.	7/1½	
Hongk'ng Sel	57/6		Sungei Kr. P.	60/0	
Insulinde	3/3		Taiping	2/7½	
Java Amal.	46/3*		Tamiang	46/10½	
Johore River	2/1		Tebrau	52/6‡*	
Kali Java	3/3		Telogoredjo	62/6	-1/3
Kasintoe	35/0*		Tempeh	2/10½	
Kepitigalla	2/9		Timbang Del.	1/10½	
Kombok	4/9		Toerangie	57/6	+2/6
Kuala Sel.	7/7½		Un. Temiang	4/3‡	
Kwaloe	3/3		Waverley	3/0	
Langkat Sum	36/3		Yam Seng	6/3‡	+0/3

SHIPPING.

16/0	Cairn Line	16/3	17/3	
13/9	Cargo Fleet	14/9	15/9	+1/6
—	Court Line	32/0	33/0	
—	Cunard Ord.	17/9	18/9	
18/3	Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	17/6	18/6	
—	Furness Withy	34/0	35/0	+0/6
—	P. and O. Def.	240	250*	
—	Royal Mail Ord.	78	83	

TEAS.

Amal. Estates	40 11/16	- 9/16	Galaha Ceylon	48/0	
Assam Co.	42/6		Imperial	40/0*	
Assam Dooars	46½		Jetinga Valley	49/0	
Assam Front'r	26/0		Jhanzie	79/4½	
Bog'want'lawa	66/6		Jokai	85/0*	
Borelli	83/0		Jorehaut	80/0	
Brahmapootra	33¼		Lanka	47/6	
Brit. Indian	57/6		Lebong	70/0*	
Budla Beta	6 15/16		Kanan Devan	36¼	+ ¼
Ceylon Plant	6⅝		Lungla	24/0	+0/3
Ceylon Prop.	64/3		Makum	35/3*	
Chargola	22/6		Moabund	47/0	-1/0
Chubwa	90/0		Nedeem	49/0	
Chulsa	90/0*		New Dimbula	5 5/32	
Con. Tea & L.	31⅝		Nuwara Eliya	99/4½	+0/7½
Darjeeling Co.	44/6		Ouvah	85/6	
Do. Consol.	59/0		Peacock & Nil.	3/9¾	-0/1¾
Deundi	22/0		Pabbojan	6⅞	
Dima	5⅝		Pundaloya	85/0	
Dimbula Val.	67/3	+1/3	Rosehaugh Cey	43/0	
Dooars	74/4½		Scottish Assam	39/0	
Doom Dooma	80/6		Scot. T. & Ln.	53/9	
E. Assam	72/6*		Singlo	58/3	
East Produce	93/9	-1/9	Travancore	80/0	
Empire	48/0		Up. Assam	48/9	

TEXTILES AND STORES.

5/9	Amalgamated Cotton	5/9	6/3	
42/0	Bleachers	42/0	43/0*	
45/6	Bradford Dyers	45/3	46/3	
5/6	British Celanese Ord.	5/6	6/0	-0/6
17/3	British Dyestuffs	17/6	18/0	+0/3
29/0	Calico Printers	29/6	30/0	+0/6
59/0	Coats	58/6	59/6	
5	Courtaulds	4 15/16	5 1/16	- 3/16
54/6	English Sewing Cotton	54/0	55/0	
44/3	Fine Spinners	44/3	45/3	
46/3	[illegible]	46/0	47/0	
57/6	Harrods	57/0	58/0	
23/0	Hollins (Wm.)	1 1/16	1 3/16	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	29/6	30/6	
21/9	Lister Ord.	21/3	22/3	
32/0	Nuera	32/6	33/6	
20/6	Do. Def.	20/9	21/9	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1 3/32	[illegible]	

TELEGRAPHS.

25	Anglo-American Def.	24¾	25¼	
14/0	Marconi Wireless Ord.	14/0	14/6	+0/3
1⅛	Do. Pref.	1 1/16	1 3/16	
—	Do. Debs.	95½	96½	
21/9	Do. Marine	21/0	22/0	
3/3	Do. Canada	3/0	3/6	
—	Oriental Telephone	2¾	2⅞	
12	Radio Corporation	11⅛	11⅜	- 3/16
10⅛	Do. Pref. (£50)	10¼	10⅜	

MISCELLANEOUS INDUSTRIALS.

27/0	African and East. Trade	26/9	27/9	+0/3
18/6	Amal. Dental Pref. Ord.	18/0	19/0	
3	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref	2⅞	3⅛	
16/3	Associated Cement	16/0	16/6	
30/0	Borax Con. Def	1 13/16	1 15/16	
106⅛	Brazilian Traction	106	108	+ ½
33/6	British Portland Cement	33/3	33/9	
16/7½	B.S.A.	16/0	17/0	+0/3
23/9	British Oil and Cake	23/6	24/0	
118½	Brit. Col. Elec. Rail. Pf.	117	120	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	86	88	
99/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	100/3	100/9	+0/6
36/3	Brunner Mond	38/3	39/3	+1/0
46/0	Bryant and May	45/0	46/0	
17¼	Carreras	18 1/16	18 3/16	
28/0	Dunlop Rubber	28/0	28/6	
—	Do. 8 p.c. Deb.	103½	105½	
24/0	Do. "C" Prefs.	1 1/16	1 3/16*	
—	English Electric	14/6	15/6	
—	Finlay (James)	78/0	79/0	+0/3
30/9	General Electric Ord.	30/6	31/0	
—	Do. Deb.	105	108	
—	Gramophone Ord.	4⅞	5	+ ¼
117/6	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	115/0	116/6	
—	International Pulp Pref.	18/0	19/0	
11/3	Jute Indus. Pref.	11/0	12/0	
19/9	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	19/7½	20/1½	
—	Lever 5 p.c. Debs.	92	94	
—	London Irish Trust Stk.	118	120	-1
—	Do. Pref.	75	76	
16½	Mexican Trams	18	20	+1
—	Do. Bonds	62	65	
65½	Do. L. and P. Bonds	63	66	
37/9	Nobel Ord.	38/9	39/9	
22/7½	Do. Pref.	22/6	23/6	
18/4½	Do. Def.	19/3	19/9	
1⅜	Parent Trust Def.	1⅜	1½	
19/6	Do. Ord.	1 1/16	1 3/16	
28/6	Platt Bros. Ord.	28/0	29/0	+0/3
—	Prov. Cine. 7½ p.c. Pf. Ord.	1 1/16	1 3/16	
35/0	Rolls Royce	34/6	35/6	
30/6	Salt Union	1 7/16	1 9/16	
101½	San Paulo Tram Deb.	99	104*	
279	Shawinigan Water Com.	274	280	
15⅞	Swedish Match "B"	16	16⅛	+ 1/16
—	Taylor's Service	30/3	31/3	
—	Tilling Ord.	52/0	53/0	
—	Do. 5½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	4⅛	4¼	
—	United Alkali	1 9/16	1 11/16	
30/3	Wallpaper Def.	30/3	30/9	

*Ex div. †Ex rights. ‡Cum. div. §Ex bonus.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON.—Atlas, 18 13/16, ⅝, £18 16/-, £18 16/6; Caledonian, 14 9/16; Commercial Union, 24 15/16, 5 1/16, 5; ditto British General 5 per cent. Debentures, 98, ½, ⅛, 8, 7¾, ½, ⅞; Employers' Liability, 85/-, 4/6, 6/-, 5/10½; General Accident, 8 7/16; Guardian, 8 13/16, ¾; London and Lancashire, 20; Motor Union, 7½; Phoenix, 13¼, 3/16; Prudential "A" (x.d.), 21¾; Royal Insurance, 32⅝, 7/16; Scottish Union, 10 15/16; Sun Insurance, 23⅝, ⅝; United British Preference, 16/-, 6d.; World Auxiliary, 19/1½; Yorkshire, 10¾.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL.—Commercial Union, 25; Employers' Liability, 85/4½, 4½d., 6d.; London and Lancashire, 20 1/16, 20; North British, 22⅝; Phoenix, 26/3/3, 4/6; Royal Insurance, 32⅝; Yorkshire Insurance, 10⅞.

COLLIERY AMALGAMATION.

UNITED ANTHRACITE CIRCULAR.

The following circular is being issued to shareholders by the Secretary of United Anthracite Collieries, Ltd.:—"I am directed by the board to inform you that, owing to negotiations by the company with Amalgamated Anthracite Collieries, Ltd.—a company similar in size and importance to your own—for the fusion of the two undertakings under the provisions of the Mining Industries Act, 1926, it will not be possible to present the annual accounts until the end of January or early in February next. We are advised that simultaneously with the passing of the resolution by the shareholders approving amalgamation the agreement embodying the terms of the merger must be submitted for inspection. This document will not be available until the Board of Trade and the Railway and Canal Commission have passed the terms of the merger, and, as this cannot be expected until towards the end of January, it is necessary to delay the meeting until that date. The board is unanimously of opinion that the amalgamation will make for satisfactory results in both undertakings, and that the position of both classes of shares in your company will be improved.

"I am further directed to inform you that the accounts for the year ended 30th June last have been completed and audited, and show a profit of £105,277 7s. 3d., after crediting £23,360 10s. 10d., being dividends received from the Pentremawr and Rhos group of subsidiary companies. This profit has been arrived at after debiting the accounts with £21,927 17s. 3d. in respect of depreciation of plant and machinery at all the collieries, and the sum of £22,832 15s. 7d. for depreciation of wagons, and after providing for taxation. Owing to the long-drawn-out coal strike, it is not proposed to pay a dividend on the Ordinary shares for the period ended 30th June last. The Preference dividend has already been duly paid."

DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

Consols—53⅝, 15/16, ¾, 11/16. **5 p.c. War Loan**—100 7/16, 9/16, ⅝, 19/32, 11/32, *11/16. **Funding Loan**—85, 1/16, ⅛, 41/16, ¾, ⅞. **Conversion Loan 3½ p.c.**—74⅞, 15/16, ¾, 27/32, 15/16. **Australia 5 p.c. Stock**—97¾, 11/16. **Aerated Bread** (x.d.)—29/-, 3d. **African and Eastern**—27/6. **Allied Newspapers Ord.**—52/3, 6d., 1/10½, 3/3, 2/-, 2/9, 4½d., 1/-. **Amalgamated Press**—64/9. **Anglo-Dutch Rubber**—50/7½, 10½d., 1/-, 3d., 50/6, 1/1½. **Associated Newspapers Def.**—9⅝, 5/16, 7/16, *14, 9/32, 7/32, 11/32, 13/32, 17-64. **Bovril Def.**—42/-. **Brazilian Traction**—106¾, ½, 7. **British American Tobacco**—100/10½, 9d., *7½d., 1/-, 11½d., 3d., 7½d., 4½d., 2/-, 1/6, 9d., *100/-, 6d., 7½d. **British Oil and Cake**—25/10½, 6d. **Bryant and May**—45/1½, 6d. **Buenos Ayres Great Southern**—102, ⅛, ¼, 15⅛, ⅞, ⅜. **Calico Printers**—29/6, 10½d., 30/1½. **Canadian Pacific**—171¼, ⅞, ⅛, ¾, 2, 15⅞, ⅝, ¼. **Central Argentine Cons.**—78¾, ⅞, 9, ⅛, ¼, 8½. **Coats**—58/9, 9/3. **Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.**—18/3. **Courtaulds**—98/3¼, 9d., 7/3¾, 6/10½, 7/9¾, 3/7½, *9/4½, 4½d., 8/1½, 7/3, 9¾d., 6/3, 7/6, 8/9. **Courtaulds Pref.**—28/10½. **Crosse and Blackwell**—2/9. **Cunard Ord.**—18/1½. **Cunard Debentures**—97⅛. "**Daily Mail" Trust**—78/3, 7/9, 6d., 3d., 8/-, 6d., 7/6¾. "**Daily Mirror" Ord.**—9⅜, ⅝, 7/32, ¼, 5/32, 1/16, 9/32, 3/32, ⅛, 5/16. **Dunlop Rubber**—28/7½, 6d., 4½d., 5¼d., 3¾d., 3d. **Dunlop "C" Pref.**—23/10½. **Dunlop 6 p.c. Debs.**—104. **East Asiatic**—4/4½. **Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref.**—17/7½. **Fine Cotton Spinners**—44/-. **General Electric Ord.**—31/-, 3d., 30/10½. **General Electric Debs.**—106. **German 7 p.c. External Loan**—105, 4⅝. **Grand Central Rubber**—46/6. **Grand Trunk Pacific 4 p.c. Debs.**—58, ¾, ½. **Great Western Rail**—86½, ¾, ⅞, ⅝, ⅞, 7, ⅝, 6¾, 7½, ⅜. **Great Western 5 p.c. Pref.**—94, ¼, 3⅝, 4⅛. **Greek 7 p.c. Refugee**—94, 3½, ⅞. **Guinness Ord.**—579, 8½. **Harland and Wolff Pref.**—16/9. **Harrods Ord.**—57/3, 6d., 9d., 8/-. **Hudson's Bay Ord.**—5 15/16, 3 1/32, 6, 1/32, ⅛, £6 0/6, 6 1/16, 3/32. **Hungarian 7½ p.c., 1924**—103⅝, ½. **Imperial Tobacco**—118/4½, 11½d., 3d., 17/9, 10½d., 18/-, 6d.; do. **Canada**—28/3, 7/10½. **Inveresk Paper Ord.**—5 7/16, ½, ⅝, 15/32, £5 9/9, £5 6/-, 5¼, 15/32, 5/16. **Laras Debs.**—104, ¾, ½. **Lever 7 p.c. Pref.**—19/7½, 20/-, 19/10½, 9d., *6d., 9¾d.; do. **8 p.c. Pref.**—19/3, 19/0¾, *18/10½. **Lipton Ord.**—12/9¾. **Lister Ord.**—21/9, 10½d. **London Asiatic Rubber** (x.d.)—6/7½, 6¾d. **London, Midland and Scottish Ord.**—74¼, *5⅛, ⅜, ¼, 15/16, 5, ¼, ⅜, ⅞, 4 1/16, 5⅛, ½, ⅜, 5⅛, 4⅜. **London and N.E. Pref.-Ord.**—*50, 50, ¼, ⅛, ⅜; do. **Def.-Ord.**—18⅜, *18, ¼, 3⅝, 7/32, *18, ⅛, ¼, ½. **Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.**—79/6. **Malayalam Rubber**—41/3, 6¾d., 1/-. **Marconi Ord.**—13/4½, 9d., 6d.; do. **Debs.**—95; do. **Marine**—21/9; do. **Canada**—3/-, 11½d., 2½d. **Maypole Def.**—5/3¾. **Metropolitan Rail**—63⅛, ½, ⅝, 15/16. **Nobel Indus.**—39/-, 9d., 7½d., 8/9, 9/6, 4½d., 3d.; do. **Pref.**—23/-, 3d., 3¼d.; do. **Def.**—19/1½, 3d., 5¾d., *19/-. **Peruvian Corp. Pref.**—55¼, 4⅞, 15/16, ⅝, ½, 1/16, 4⅝, 5⅞. **Phillips (Godfrey) Ord.**—5 5/16, ½, 7/32, *¼, ¼, *¼, £5 3/3, 5 5/32, 1/16, 9-64. **Prov. Cinema Theatre**—14/10½, 6d. **Radio Corp. Common**—11⅝. **Rubber Trust**—42/-, 11½d., 1/7½. **Selfridge Ord.**—27/6. **Southern Rail Pref.-Ord.**—77½, ⅞, ⅝; do. **Def.-Ord.**—43 15/16, 4, 3⅞, ½, 4 1/16, 3¾. **Sudan Plantations**—97/6, 8/1½, 9d. "**Sunday Pictorial" Ord.**—5 1/32, £5 0/3, 4 15/16, 31/32, 5, 1/16, 1-64, 4 63-64, £4 19/6, £4 19/3, £4 19/9, £4 19/1½. **Swedish Match "B"**—£15 19/9, 16, 1/16, 1/32, 3/32, ⅛, £16 1/-, 15 31/32. **Underground Income Bonds**—102⅝. **Union Cold Storage 6 p.c. Pref.**—18/10½, 7½d. **United Dairies**—51/-, 6d. **United of Havana Rail**—75⅝, ¼, 5, ½. **United Serdang Rubber**—7/5¼, 3¾d. **United Tobacco**—20/-, *87/-. **Vickers**—9/-, 8/11. **Watney Combe Def.**—268½, 8, 7, 9. **Westminster Bank**—18 21/32, ¾. **Workman Clark Debs.**—21½, ⅞.

(* Exceptional bargain at special price.)

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

LONDONDERRY PROVIDENT BUILDING SOCIETY.—Dividends of 5 per cent. per annum on Old shares, and 4 per cent. per annum on New shares, for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

YAM SENG RUBBER.—The dividend announcement made yesterday referred to the second interim dividend announced in our issue of November 25 last, and paid on December 17. No declaration has been made since.

CHAMPION AND SLEE.—Dividend on Ord. at 10 per cent. for the year ended 30th September, 1926. (Same.)

"DAILY MAIL" TRUST.—The full report for the year ended September 30, 1926, states that the profit, after making provision for income tax, working expenses, etc., amounts to £226,531, against £158,232 for the previous twelve months. To the year's profit has to be added £49,715 brought forward, making a total of £276,246. The directors have declared a cash dividend of 2/6 per share, free of income tax, leaving a balance of £24,434 to be carried forward. The liquidation of E. Hulton and Co., Ltd., is still proceeding, and during the year £119,060 has been received from the liquidator. The balance to the credit of this account showed a surplus of £353,056, and the directors transferred therefrom on September 30, 1926, £250,000 to special reserve account. It is proposed to appropriate from this special reserve account £251,812, and apply it in reducing the unpaid liability on the issued Ordinary share capital by a further 2/6 per share, thus making the Ordinary shares 10/- per share paid up instead of 7/6, as at present. Secured loans and interest accrued have been reduced during the year by £236,558, and steps have been taken with a view to an immediate and much larger reduction in the amount outstanding.

EX-LANDS, NIGERIA.—An interim dividend for year 1926 of 20 per cent. (less income tax) has been declared payable to all shareholders registered on books at close of business on January 18, 1927. (Last year interim was 17½ per cent., less tax.)

JOHN DAVENPORT AND SONS' BREWERY.—Final distribution on the Ord. of 11 per cent., less tax, making 15 per cent. for the year.

STANDARD TEA.—Second interim dividend of 10 per cent. (less tax) on the share capital as reorganised has been declared on account of current season. In November last £59,500 of reserve fund was capitalised and a bonus issue made. The first interim paid in October was 20 per cent.

STEPNEY TYRES.—Report for year ended September 30, 1926, states that net loss was £13,297, to which has to be added balance to debit of profit and loss account brought forward, £11,258, leaving a debit balance on profit and loss account of £24,555.

PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Motors still irregular. Triumphs further recovered. Bluemels, Humbers, Singers, and Rovers all easier. Wolseley Debentures spurted to 42. Lucas buoyant. Dunlops firm. Austins, 6/1½; Bluemels, 39/-; Components, 4/-; S.T.D., 3/9; Enfield, 27/9; Humbers, 34/9; Lucas, 77/-; Dennis, 5⅝; Napiers, 47/6; Rolls, 35/3; Rovers, 5/10½; Singers, 44/9; Standards, 29/9; Swifts, 2/3; Triumphs, 28/6; Dunlops, 28/4½; Parent Deferred, 31/3.

MANCHESTER.—Textiles show a good tone; several advances. Bleachers, 42/-42/6; Calicos, 29/3-29/9; Dyers, 45/6-46/6; Cottons, 54/-55/-; Spinners, 44/-45/-; "Slubbers," 7/-7/6; Coats, 58/6-59/-; Ship Canal, 16/-16/3; Velvets, 20/-20/6; Courtaulds, 96/3-97/6; Dunlops, 28/3-28/6; Amalgamated Cottons, 5/9-6/-; Hoyles, 27/6-28/6; Nuera Silk, 32/6; ditto Deferred, 22/-.

LONDON MINING MARKET CHEERFUL.

"KAFFIRS" THE FAVOURITES.

No great increase in the volume of trading was observable in the Stock Exchange yesterday, and there was again only a moderate attendance, but the cheerfulness which marked the resumption of business on Tuesday was again in evidence, and markets generally were firm. Among Mines, Kaffirs continued to attract a good deal of attention, it being recognised that the Rand industry has made excellent progress during the past year, and that, as far as production is concerned, a record is likely to be established. Buying of the good-class shares was again in progress, but it was mostly on London account, both Paris and the Cape being indifferent. As regards the finance descriptions, Central Mining were not unnaturally subject to profit-taking, and fell back the turn, Rand Mines. "Johnnies" and Goldfields being sympathetically affected. Union Corporation were a good market on the improvement in several of its subsidiaries, and "Generals" were in request and higher, while Anglo-American were well maintained. Far Easterns generally gave a good account of themselves, Geduld, Government Mines and Modderfontein being prominent, while Modder East were again a feature of strength and rose sharply, these shares being among the few which were supported from the Cape. Sub Nigel, on the other hand, were subject to realisation here, and fell back sharply, but there was an increased inquiry for some of the low-priced descriptions. T.C.L. were a better market, but interest in other "Plat." issues remained at a very low ebb.

There was not a great deal doing in Rhodesians, but the tone was harder. In the absence of Paris influence and with a scarcity of buyers here, Chartered, Tanks, and Zams were unaltered, but Cam and Motor continued in quiet request, and Rhodesian and General Asbestos were picked up. The Diamond section felt the effects of the absence of Paris influence, and a little selling of De Beers Def. resulted in a sharp decline in the price. Other shares in this department were sympathetically affected, De Beers Pref., Jagersfontein and Consolidated Diamond options marking declines. The price of Tin was finally unaltered at £297 17s. 6d. per ton, and the share market had a very neglected appearance. The Eastern descriptions were subdued owing to the receipt of further advices regarding the severe nature of the floods in Malaya. For the time being the East is taking no interest in this market in view of the near approach of the Chinese holiday, which commences early in the new year. Gold Coast Amalgamated in the West African list were easier, but Sulphide Ord. among Barriers, were again in request. Rio Tinto fell back with other internationals, and among Canadians, Vipond lost the turn. Elsewhere Santa Gertrudis were better on the latest development news, and Burmahs closed firm after having been bid for. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.
M.U. Dec. 24.

M.U.			
27/0	Afric. & Eur.	27/6-28/6	+ 0/3
1 27/32	Anglo-A Cp.	1 27/32-1 29/32	
26/0	Anglo-Fr'ch.	26/0-26/6	
4¼	Brakpan	4 5/16-4 7/16	
16¾	Cent. Mining	17⅛-17⅜	- ⅛
5/16	Central West	3/6-4/0	
1 11/16	City Deep	1 23/32-1 25/32	
1⅞	Con. Goldfds	1 15/16-2	- 1/32
11/0	Cons. M. Reef	10/6-11/0	
23/9	Con. M. Sel.	23/9-24/0	
3 5/16	Crown Mines	3 11/32-3 13/32	
13/0	Durban Deep	12/6-13/0	- 0/6
10/9	E. Rand Prop	16/0-16/6	+ 0/3
4⅛	Geduld	4 5/16-4¼	+ 1/16
2 1/32	Gen. Mining	2 1/16-2⅛	+ 1/32
9/6	G. M. Invest.	9/3-9/9	
8⅝	Govt. Mines	8⅝-8⅞	+ 1/16
1/6	HendiesPlat.	1/6-2/0	
3/7½	Hendersons	3/6-3/9	
48/0	JohanInvsts.	48/6-49/6	- 0/3
4/0	Kleinfontein	3/6-4/0	
14/0	Knight's	13/3-14/3	
20/9	LanglaagteE	20/9-21/3	- 0/3
7/9	Lydenb'g Plt	6/6-7/6	- 0/6
1 3/16	Meyer&Char	1 3/16-1 5/16	+ 1/16
4 9/16	Modderfontn	4 13/16-5 1/16	+ 1/16
21/6	Modder B.	21/3-21/9	- 0/3
1 29/32	Modder Deep	1 29/32-1 31/32	
22/6	Modder East	25/0-26/0	+ 1/9
2 1/16	New S. Areas	1 31/32-2 1/32	
7/6	Nigel	7/6-8/6	
6/6	Nourse	6/6-7/0	+ 0/3
3 7/32	Rand Mines	3 7/32-3 9/32	- 1/16
13/6	Randfontein	13/6-14/0	
1⅞	RobinDeep B	1 15/16-2	+ 1/16
1	Do. A (1)	1 5/16-1 7/16	
7/6	Rose Deep	7/0-7/6	
1⅛	S.A.G. Trust	1 3/32-1 5/32	
19/0	S.A. Towns	18/9-19/3	
3¼	Springs	3 7/32-3 9/32	
18/6	Sth.-W. Af.	17/6-19/6	+ 0/6
4	Sub Nigel	3⅝-3 15/16	- 5/32
3 15/16	Trans. Dol. B	3⅝-3⅞	
2 7/16	Trans. Con. L	2½-2⅝	+ 1/16
16/0	Trans. Devel.	16/3-16/9	
3 1/16	Union Corp.	3⅛-3 3/16	+ 1/16
24/0	Van Ryn	22/9-23/9	- 0/6
2 19/32	Do. Deep	2 21/32-2 23/32	
2 9/32	Vereeniging	2 5/16-2⅜	+ 1/16
5/6	Village Deep	5/9-6/3	+ 0/6
16/0	West R. Con.	16/0-16/6	
1 13/32	WestSprings	28/0-28/6	
1 5/16	Wit. Deep	1 3/16-1¼	

RUSSIAN.

5/7½	Lena Gold	5/9-6/3	
3/3	Rus. As. Cns.	3/3-3/6	
3/9	Russ. Mining	3/0-4/0	
3/16	Spassky	¼-5/16	

RHODESIAN.
M.U. Dec. 24.

M.U.			
9/3	BechuanaEx	9/0-9/6	
8/3	Boira T. Sites	8/0-9/0	
6/10½	B. M'Kubwa	6/7½-7/1½	- 0/1½
2½	Cam& Motor	2 7/16-2 9/16	+ 1/32
28/6	Char. B.S.A.	29/0-29/3	- 0/1½
5/4½	Falcon	5/3-5/9	
14/6	GaikaGold	14/0-15/0	
14/6	Globe & Phos	14/6-15/0	
9/6	Gold F. Rho.	9/6-9/9	+ 0/1½
1 1/16	LonelyReef	⅝-¾	
1⅝	Rezende	1 13/16-1 15/16	
4/10½	R. Broken H.	4/10½-5/1½	
4¼	R. CongoBor.	4 5/16-4 7/16	
11/9	Selukwe (2/6)	11/9-12/3	
1 5/16	Shamva	1 5/16-1 7/16	
27/32	Sherw'd Star	27/32-29/32	
6½	S. Rhd. Mtls.	6-6¼	- ¼
2 5/32	Tangan. Con.	2 3/32-2 5/32	
2 1/16	Vic. FallsOrd	2 1/32-2 3/32	
32/6	Do. Pref.	32/0-33/0	
28/0	Wankie Col.	25/6-26/6*	
8/1½	Willoughby	8/0-8/6	
1 15/32	Zamb. Expl.	2-2 1/16	

DIAMOND.

20/3	Angola Dia.	19/6-20/6	
22/9	Cn. D.S.W.A.	22/6-23/0	
17⅜	DeBeersDef.	17¼-17⅜	- 7/16
13⅝	Do. Pref.	13¾-14	- ⅛
3⅝	Jagersf'tein	3 9/16-3 11/16	- ⅛
1 5/32	N. Val. River	1 5/32-1 9/32	
7¼	Premier Pref	7¼-7½	
19/0	WestAfrican	19/0-20/0	

AUSTRALIAN.

½	Amal. Zinc	9/3-10/3	
0/9	Associated	0/9-1/0	
28/9	B. Hill Prop.	29/3-29/9	
3¼	Do. South	3¼-3⅜*	
1 5/32	Elec. Zinc Pf.	1 11/16-1 13/16	
6 11/32	Nth. Bn. Hill	6¼-6⅜	
20/3	SulphideOrd.	20/9-21/9	+ 0/3
13/9	Sth. Kalgurli	13/6-14/6	
2 15/16	ZincOrd.(10/)	2 15/16-3	
4 9/32	Do. Pref.	4¼-4⅜	

COPPER.

11/6	Arizona (5/)	½-⅝	
2/0	Mt. Ellott(£5)	1 5/16-1 7/16	
27/9	Mount Lyell	28/0-29/0	
8/6	Mt. Morgan	8/0-9/0	
1⅛	Namaqua	1 5/16-1 7/16	
38⅞	RioTinto(£5)	39⅛-39¼	- 5/16
[illegible]	S. American	3/3-3/9	

TIN.
M.U. Dec. 24.

M.U.			
14/0	Anglo-C.(10/)	13/9-14/3	
3¾	Aramayo	3⅝-3¾	
23/0	BauchiOrd.	22/7½-23/1½	- 0/1½
29/6	Do. Pref.	29/0-29/6	
8/6	Bisichi	8/3-8/9	
20/0	EasternTr'st	19/6-20/6	
2 9/16	Gopeng	2½-2⅝	
48/6	Ipoh	47/9-48/9	
22/6	KadunaSynd	22/3-23/3	
4⅛	Kamunting	4-4⅛	- 1/16
5/4½	Keffi Cons(5/)	5/3-5/6	
2 15/16	Kram'tPulai	2 29/32-2 31/32	
29/9	MalayanT.D	28/6-29/6	
17/0	Mongu	16/3-16/9	- 0/6
1 11/16	Naraguta	1 5/16-1 7/16	
12/9	Pahang(5/)	12/6-13/0	
24/0	Rambutan	1⅛-1¼	
7/0	Rayfield (10/)	6/9-7/3	
22/9	Do. P. Pref.	22/6-23/6	
2 29/32	Renong	2 27/32-2 29/32	
15/0	Ropp (4/)	15/0-15/6	
28/9	Siamese	27/9-28/9	
3/9	Sth. Bukeru	3/6-4/0	
21/3	Tavoy (4/)	20/6-21/6	
19/0	TinghaTin	18/0-19/0	
10/0	TinProps.(2/)	9/6-10/6	
28/6	Tin Selec. Tst	28/0-29/0	
20/3	Tronoh (5/)	19/6-20/6	

WEST AFRICAN.

13/3	Ashanti	12/6-13/6	
11/0	Fanti Cons.	11/0-11/6	
18/3	GoldCt. Amal	17/9-18/3	- 0/3

MISCELLANEOUS.

4/6	BarrierTrust	4/3-4/9*	
14/1½	Burma Corp.	14/9-15/0	
10/10½	Champ. Reef	10/9-11/3	
1 5/16	Chos. Synd. A	1¼-1⅜	
4/3	ColombianP.	¾-⅞	
2 9/32	HuronBelt	2 5/16-2 9/16	
6/1½	KeeleySilver	6/0-6/3	
9/0	Kirkland L.	8/6-9/6	
1 1/16	MexicoMin's	1-1⅛	
3⅞	Min. Sepa't'n	4-4¼	
12/6	Min. Crp. Can	12/9-13/3	
14/4½	Mysore(10/)	14/0-15/0	
5/6	Nat. Min.(8/)	5/0-5/3	
7/0	Nundydroog	7/0-7/6	
1⅜	Nus R. Gold	⅜-⅝	
13/9	Ooregum	13/3-14/3	
9/0	St. J. DelRey	8/6-9/6	
31/3	San Fr'isco	31/6-32/0	
14/0	Santa Gert.	14/0-14/6	+ 0/1½
6/9	Vipond	6/7½-7/1½	- 0/1½
17/0	Waihi Gold	17/3-18/3	

* Ex Dividend. † Ex Rights.

DUBLIN BUSINESS DONE.

BANKS IRREGULAR. GUINNESS AND RAILS FIRM. TOBACCOS GOOD. SWITZERS SCARCE.

Government National Loan rose 1/16 to 99 11/16, but Land Bonds 4½ per cent. fell 1/16 to 89¾. British Funds were steady. War Loan 5 per cent. repeated 100½, but the Deed Stock fell 1/16 to 100 7/16, while Irish Land 2¾ per cent. rose ½ to 57¾.

Banks were irregular. Bank of Ireland Stock rose 2¼ to 288, 287¾, but Munster and Leinsters eased 1/16 to 6 11/16, and Nationals ¼ to 21.

In Breweries and Distilleries, Dublin Distillers Ord. repeated 7s. 6d., and the Pref. 19s. 6d., while the Debs. quoted 43¾ for an odd lot. Guinness Ord. rose ⅛ to 58.

Rails were firm. Great Northern repeated 22¾, but the Pref. rose ⅛ to 40. Great Southern Ord. also repeated 17¾, and the Pref. 37, while the Guaranteed rose ⅛ to 48⅛.

Dunlop Rubber Ord. opened 3d. higher at 28s. 4½d., but later fell away to 28s. 3d., 28s. 1½d. again.

Alliance Gas repeated 8¼.

In Drapery Shares, Switzer Ord. rose 2s. 6d. to 92s. 6d. bid for an odd lot.

Manufacturing Shares were better. British American Tobacco rose 6d. to 101s. 6d., and Imperials, after falling 6d. to 118s. for cash, rose to 118s. 3d., 118s. 9d. for account. Courtaulds fell 2s. 6d. to 97s. 3d., 97s. 9d. Coats realised 59s., 58s. 9d. Calicos rose 6d. to 29s. for a small lot and Bradford Dyers 3d. to 45s. 9d., while the Pref. realised 18s. 6d. Lever Bros. 8 p.c. fell 3d. to 19s. and the 7 p.c. Debs. 1 to 101. Vickers repeated 8s. 10½d.

In Trading, etc., Findlater Pref. repeated 9s. 4½d., and McKenzie and Sons realised 13s. 6d. for an odd lot. Yam Seng Rubber rose 1½d. to 6s. 3d. Burke Ord. fell 2s. to 60s. J. G. Mooney and Co. Ord. rose ½ to 10½. Controlled Oilfields Common quoted 5s. 9d. and the Preferred 9s. 9d. Canadian Marconi Shares realised 3s. 3d., a fall of 4½d. a share.

BUSINESS DONE:

National Ln..(99½)	99⅝	Calicos ......(28/6)	*29/-
Land Bonds..(90⅛)	89⅞	Coats......(58/9)	59/- 8/9
5% War Ln..(100½)	100½	Courtaulds..(100/3)	97/3 7/9
Do. Deed..(100½)	100 7/16	B.A.T. ......(101/-)	101/6
Land Stk. '33..(56½)	57¾	Imp. Tob..(118/6)	118/4½ 18/-c 18/9
Bank Stock..(285¼)	288c 7½c	Lever 8%......(19/3)	19/-
Mun. & Lein......(7)	6½	Do. 7% Deb..........	101
National ....(21¼)	21	Vickers ......(8/10½)	8/10½
Dub. Distillers..(7/6)	7/6	Burke Ord....(62/-)	*60/-
Do. Pref.....(19/6)	19/6	Findlater Pref........	*9/4½
Do. Deb....(43¾)	*43¾	M'Kenzie (Thomas) (13/7)	*13/6
Guinness ....(57⅞)	58	Mooney Ord..(10¼)	10½
G.N. Ord........(22¾)	22¾	Yam Seng.....(6/1½)	6/3
Do. Pref.......(39¾)	40	Canadian Marconi.....	3/3
G.S. Ord.......(17¾)	17¾	Dunlops...(28/1½)	28/4½ /3 */4½
Do. Pref.......(37)	*37	Controlled Oil Com...	5/9
Do. Guar.......(48)	48⅛	Do. Pref.	9/9
Dub. Tram Pref..(8¼)	8¼		
Alliance Gas......(8¼)	8¼		
Switzer Ord..(90/-)	*92/6		
Dyers ....(45/6)	45/9		
Do. Pref.	18/6		

* Odd lot, a asked, b bid, c cash.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS RATE.

Discount	6 p.c. Dec. 3, 1925.
Deposit	2½ p.c. Dec. 3, 1925.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Contango		Jan. 10
Mining ticket		Jan. 11
General ticket		Jan. 12
Account day	Dec. 30	Jan. 13

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange maintained strength. War Loan 100 7/16, Conversion Loan 74¾, Local Loans 62¾ to 62⅞, War Bonds 105¼, Northern Bank "A" 5 11/16, Westminster Bank 18¾, Belfast and Co. Down Railway 4 p.c. Deb. 41, Robinson and Cleaver 5 p.c. Pref. 16s., Dunlop Rubber 28s. 3d., Lever Bros. 7 p.c. Pref 19s. 10½d.

TRAFFICS.

Barsi Light Railway—Decrease, Rs.2,000; Rohilkund and Kumaon Railway—Decrease, Rs.10,636; Lucknow Bareilly State Railway—Decrease, Rs.12,814; Bengal and North-Western Railway—Decrease, Rs.19,219; Leopoldina Terminal—Decrease, £668; Leopoldina Railway—Decrease, £475; Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway—Increase, £5,000; Buenos Ayres Western—Increase, £3,000; Buenos Ayres and Pacific—Increase, £5,000; San Paulo Railway—Decrease, £1,500; Salvador Railway—Increase, £246; Alcoy and Gandia Railway and Harbour—Decrease—Ps.8,000; Entre Rios Railways—Increase £900; Argentine North-Eastern—Increase £1,400; United Railways of the Havana—Decrease £7,751.

Southern Railway, week to December 26 £483,000, increase £21,000; 51 weeks £21,350,000 decrease £1,809,000. London and North-Eastern Railway, week to December 25 £1,035,000, increase £17,000; 51 weeks £46,533,000, decrease £9,316,000. Underground Electric Railways Co. of London, week to December 25, Common Fund companies, £22,600, increase £21,400; January 1 £12,766,300, decrease £52,000. London and Suburban Traction Group £36,100, increase £1,400; January 1 £1,917,600, decrease £20,900. London, Midland and Scottish Railway—Week to December 26, £1,450,000, increase £106,000; 51 weeks, £63,829,000, decrease £11,343,000. Great Western Railway—Week to December 26, £592,000, increase £60,000; 52 weeks, £25,496,000, decrease £4,615,000. Mersey Railway—Week to December 25, £4,736, increase £327; 51 weeks £210,240, decrease £9,965.

WOMAN WRITER'S EPIGRAMS.

"Youth after forty depends upon one's digestion, dollars, and dressmaker."

"There is one secret at least that a woman can keep, and that is her age."

"Youth has dreams, middle age has realities, old age has memories."

"Love is attraction, marriage is distraction, divorce is subtraction."—Mrs. Will Gordon in *T.P.'s and Cassell's Weekly*.

THE MONEY MARKET.

DEMAND FOR LOANS INTO 1927.

Conditions were unchanged in Lombard street yesterday, there being a strong demand for loans into the new year at 4½ p.c. and upwards, while a further large sum was borrowed from the Bank of England on the usual terms. A few more bills were also discounted at that institution. As a consequence of these operations supplies of short credit became almost plethoric, with loans over the night offering at 3½ down to 3 p.c. Old day-to-day money was allowed to run on at 3¾ p.c. The discount market was quiet, with rates steady to firm. The general quotation for fine three months' bills was 4 9/16 p.c., although in some quarters 4½ to 4 9/16 p.c. was mentioned. The new Treasuries were rather offered at 4 9/16 to 4⅝ p.c.

Bank Rate Discount (changed December 2, 1925), 5%					
60 days (fine)	4⅝	4 11/16%	Trade	5	5½%
3 months	4½	4 9/16%	"	5¼	5½%
4 "	4½	4 9/16%	"	5½	6%
6 "	4½	4 9/16%	"	5¾	6%
Loans to Brokers Day-to-day				3	%
" for a Week				4½	%
Deposit Allowance: Banks at Call				3	%
Discount Houses at Call				3	%
" at Notice				3¼	%

The Bank of England announced the sale of £5,000 sovereigns for export to Aden. The market price of gold remained at 84s. 11½d. per fine ounce. The Continent secured the bulk of the available supplies, only a small amount being divided between India and the trade. Prices of silver remained at 24 11/16 for spot and 24⅝ per ounce for two months' delivery. China sold, while the Indian bazaars bought and sold.

A further advance of 1/16 in the American exchange carried the quotation to 4.85⅞, which is a higher figure than has ruled for a considerable time past. In the South American group, Uruguayan dollars gave way slightly, and the Brazilian currency was less firm. French francs showed little change at 122½, but Belgas were cheaper at 34.89½, and Italian lire reacted, the rate advancing to 107¾. Swiss francs, Dutch florins, Norwegian kroner, and Finnish marks were also cheaper, and to a slight extent the German exchange was more favourable to us. Austrian schillings, Greek drachmae, and Rumanian lei were a little better. The only movement of note in the Eastern exchanges was an improvement in the yen to 2s. 0¼d.

—	Dec. 29 Closing Rates		Dec. 28 Closing Rates		Par Rate
Amsterdam	12.12⅞	12.13⅛	12.12½	12.12¾	12.10
B. Ayres	46 7/16	46½	46½	46 5/16	47⅝d.
Barcelona	31.79	31.82	31.73	31.75	25.22½
Berlin	20.36½	20.37	20.36	20.37	20.43*
Brussels	34.89	34.90	34.88½	34.90	35.00
Calcutta	1/6 1/32	1/6 1/16	1/6 1/32	1/6 1/16	2/0
Copenhagen	18.19	18.20	18.19	18.20	18.159
Geneva	25.09½	25.10½	25.08½	25.09½	25.22½
Greece	387	389	390	392	25.22½
Helsingfors	192.70	192.80	192.60	192.80	193.23
Italy	107⅝	107⅞	107⅝	107⅞	25.22½
Kobe (p.yn.)	2/0 3/16	2/0¼	2/0 3/16	2/0¼	24.58d.
Montreal	4.85 13/16	4.85 15/16	4.85¾	4.86	4.86 2/3
Montevideo	50¼d.	50⅝d.	50¼d.	50¼d.	51d.
New York	4.85 13/16	4.85 15/16	4.85 13/16	4.85½	4.86 2/3
Oslo	19.19	19.22	19.16	19.19	18.159
Paris	122.45	122.55	122.40	122.50	25.22½
Prague	164	164⅛	163⅞	164¼	24.02
Rio de Jan.	5 27/32	5⅞	5 27/32	5 29/32	27d.
Shanghai	2/4¾	2/5⅛	2/5⅛	2/5⅛	—
Singapore	2/3¾	2/3⅞	2/3¾	2/3⅞	2/4
Stockholm	18.15	18.15½	18.15	18.15½	18.16
Vienna	34.37	34.40	34.37	34.42	34.58½
Warsaw	42	45	42	45	25.22½

* Belga.

PROLIFIC WHEAT.

RECORD CROPS FROM VARIETY NAMED AFTER PRINCE OF WALES

CALGARY (By Mail).

Record yields are reported from Renfrew Wheat, a new variety propagated here, and named after the Prince of Wales, who during his sojourns on his Alberta estate is known as the Earl of Renfrew.

Two years ago the Western Transfer Company, which farms 640 acres of irrigated land near Lethbridge, bought two bushels of the wheat from Mr. D. H. Galbraith, M.P., planted it on two acres, and raised from it 80 bushels. This year they planted the 80 bushels on 55 acres of summer fallow irrigated land. When threshed, the crop produced 3,150 bushels, or more than 57 to the acre.

Renfrew Wheat, bred by the Agricultural Branch of the Alberta University, now takes its place as one of the highest and most consistent yielders among spring varieties sown in the West.

POTTED MEALS.

CANADA'S £10,000,000 CANNING BILL.

Food to the value of more than £10,000,000 is, states an official Ottawa message, this year being canned in Dominion factories. Fruits, vegetables and soups will account for £4,000,000; fish (including salmon and lobster) £3,600,000; and evaporated and condensed milk £2,400,000. Sales abroad are expected to total £4,000,000.

The Dominion has now 800 canning establishments, in which is invested £8,000,000, finding work for more than 18,000 persons.

"1927 CALLING."

There is every indication (says *The Wireless World*) that 1927 is to be an extremely eventful year in so far as broadcasting is concerned. The New Year will see the organisation hitherto conducted as the British Broadcasting Company under new control, with wider powers than were granted to the old executive. The first concern of the broadcasting service must always be to capture the interests of the public, and this can only be done by making the programmes really popular with the majority. There is, in our view, no doubt that to-day the more serious broadcasts make a much wider appeal than they did in the early days of broadcasting, and the public is gradually acquiring and cultivating a taste even for the talks; but let us hope that the programme editors will be extremely careful to see that they do not undo the good work already achieved by incautious enthusiasm. In educational matter the aim should be always to supply just a little more than is demanded.

HONEY IN MAPLELAND.

OTTAWA (By Mail).

Dominion bee keepers will this year harvest 18,000,000lb. of honey, worth £600,000, says the Dominion apiarist.

"Exports," he adds, "will total 1,645,000lb., for Canadian honey has established itself in the markets of Britain and the European Continent. During the past two years shipments to foreign countries have tripled.

"Bee keeping has made particularly rapid strides in the Prairie Provinces. Manitoba last year produced 4,107,000lb. of honey, yielding £131,420; five years ago commercial honey production was practically unknown there.

T.P.'S COUNSEL TO PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

T.P., in T.P.'s ... the following ad... "Speak to ten t... speaking to one ... as though you ... tones. Never sh...

DUBLIN S...

Barometer at 5 ...

Foreign Arrival... tons register, Cap... with a cargo of ... Shields, North Wal... Belfast with part ...

Coastwise Arrival... pool, with passeng... from London, with ... goods; ss. Lady Rawn, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Lady Wicklow, from Manchester, with goods; ss. Lady Kildare, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Sheerness, from Glasgow, with goods; m.v. Clara, from Wexford, with malt; ss. Bonawe, ss. St. Barchan, ss. Ruby, from Glasgow, with coals; ss. Ferrum, from Birkenhead, with coals; ss. Acme, from Howth, light.

Foreign Departures—Iris, of Treguier, 86 tons register, Captain Rouzen, for Cork, with bog ore; ss. Atalanta, of Glasgow, 319 tons register, Captain Martin, for Glasgow, with part cargo (cement); ss. Cliburn, of Newcastle, 1,848 tons register, Captain Peterson, for Barry Roads, light.

Coastwise Departures—Ss. Lady Louth, for Liverpool, with passengers and goods; ss. Slieve Bawn, for Holyhead, with goods; ss. Sheerness, for Waterford and Cork, with goods; ss. Staffa, for Barrow, light; ss. Point of Ayr, for Point of Ayr, light; ss. Sarah Brough, for Glasgow, light; ss. Balmarino, for Garston, light; ss. Mayflower, ss. Heatherfield, for Ormeshead, light; ss. St. Mungo, for Llandulas, light; ss. Plasma, for Ayr, light; Bernard (schooner), for Arklow, with manure.

It is announced that Mr. Thomas Greenall, M.P., who has been President of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation for 21 years, will not seek re-election at the annual meeting of the Federation. Mr. Greenall has not had good health for some time.

SUPERIOR DUBLIN-MADE FURNITURE, PIANOS, CHINA, GLASS, PLATED WARE, &c.
AUCTION TO-MORROW, AT 29 BACHELOR'S WALK,
COX'S AUCTION ROOMS.

A large and varied collection of the finest Drawingroom, Diningroom and Bedroom Appointments, comprising principally:—Lofty Glass-back Oak and Mahogany Sideboards and Cabinets, Chippendale Card Tables, 7 Screw Dining Tables, from 6 to 14 feet long; Sets of 8 Chippendale Dining Chairs, with claw and ball legs; two Glass-top Counter Show Cases, Chippendale Mahogany and Gilt-framed Overmantel Glasses, Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses, Austrian Bentwood Hall Stands and Chairs, Lounge Arm Chairs, Wood and Brass Coal and Log Boxes, Sets of Dining Chairs, 6, 8 and 10 in each, covered in leather, etc.; 3 large Hall Stands, with marble tops and glass backs, and Chairs to match; Table Glass, Plated Ware, Pictures, Decorative and other China, Hair-stuffed Chesterfield Sets, French Ormolu-mounted China Cabinets, two Inlaid Rosewood Drawingroom do. and two Ebonised Mahogany do., all in perfect condition; Whatnots, Settees, Centre Tables, Afternoon Tea Tables; Bedroom Furnishing, including Mahogany Glass-door Wardrobes, Duchesse Pairs, 6ft. Inlaid Mahogany Reflex Suite, 4ft. 6in. Glass-door Birch Wardrobe, 3ft. Inlaid Mahogany do., 4ft. Mahogany 5-piece Suite, Dressing Tables, Washstands and Toilet Glasses; 5ft. Mahogany Suite, with Cheval Dressing Chest and Side Mirrors; five other Bedroom Suites, various woods and sizes; 6ft. White Enamelled Wardrobe, Combination Chest and Pedestal; pair of Inlaid Mahogany Twin Beds, complete; Single and Double Hand-enamelled Black and Brass Beds, with 4-ply Wires and Pure Curled Hair Mattresses; Kitchen and Deal Furniture in variety; Carpets, Linoleum, Bent Steel Safe, and numerous miscellaneous items. Goods on View. Auction commences at 12.30. Pianos sold at 3 o'c.

JOHN H. COX, F.A.I., AUCTIONEER & VALUER.

1925. No. 3965.
SAORSTAT EIREANN.
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.
Mr. JUSTICE MEREDITH.

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL McDONNELL, late of Charlestown, in the County of Mayo, Merchant, Deceased.

And in the Matter of the Trusts of the Will of the said MICHAEL McDONNELL, dated the 14th day of February, 1910.

Between JAMES McDONNELL, Plaintiff; And ELLEN McDONNELL and ANNIE GORDON, Defendants.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
IN THREE LOTS
(Pursuant to Order of the Court).
At the COURTHOUSE, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO,
On WEDNESDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1927.
At the hour of One o'clock p.m.
By Messrs. McMANUS BROTHERS, Auctioneers, TUBBERCURRY, CO. SLIGO.

Lot 1.—ALL THAT AND THOSE Part of the Lands of Lavy Beg, containing 5 acres 3 roods and 28 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure; and Part of the Lands of Low Park, containing 32½ perches, or thereabouts, like measure, situate in the Barony of Costello and County of Mayo, and held in fee-simple, and the appurtenances being the Lands entered on Folio 4949, County of Mayo, pursuant to the Local Registration of Title (Ireland) Act, 1891, with the turbary and other rights specified in the Folio. The Lands are registered free of equities.

Lot 2.—ALL THAT AND THOSE Part of the Lands of Lavy Beg, containing together 10 acres 0 roods and 18 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure, situate in the said Barony and County, and held in fee-simple, being the Lands entered on Folio 2526 of the said County, with the appurtenances, with the turbary and other rights specified in the Folio. The Lands are registered free of equities.

Lot 3.—ALL THAT AND THOSE Part of the Lands of Lavy Beg, containing 7 acres 1 rood and 5 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure, and the Plot of Ground with the Houses thereon, in the town of Charlestown, being the Lands of Lowpark, containing 28 perches, or thereabouts, like measure situate in the said Barony and County, held in fee-simple, being the Lands and Premises entered on Folio 5249 of the said County, together with the business carried on in the said houses and the stock-in-trade and the book debts and the shop fittings and the furniture of the said business to be Sold as a Going Concern. Intending purchasers shall be entitled to inspect the premises and chattels therein and the books of the business at any time during business hours during the three days preceding the Sale. The Lands are registered free of equities.

The purchasers will not be required to pay Auctioneers' Commission.

DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The Premises for Sale in Lots 1 and 2 comprise two Farms of Land, hereinbefore set forth, and are of excellent quality, well fenced, and famous as Grazing Lands, and are situate convenient to the Town of Charlestown, and would make a good investment. These Lands are held in fee, free of rent, and equities have been discharged.

The Business Premises comprised in Lot 3 are the old-established and well-known Licensed House and Premises formerly carried on by the late Michael McDonnell, together with the Private House adjoining, and yard and garden at the rear thereof, together with the Farm of Land attached, as above more particularly described. These Lands and Premises are likewise held in fee, free of rent, and the equities have been discharged.

This is a magnificent investment for intending purchasers.

For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to Messrs. McMANUS BROS., Auctioneers, Tubbercurry; or to Messrs. FITZGERALD and McCORMICK, Solicitors having Carriage of Sale, 92 Middle Abbey street, Dublin, and Sligo.

WEDNESDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1927.
At 1 o'clock.
TWO COMPACT DWELLINGHOUSES—Possession.
45 and 53 MILLMOUNT AVENUE, DRUMCONDRA
(TO BE SOLD SEPARATELY).

Each held under lease for 470 years at £5 per annum. Poor Law Valuation £12.

These are two storey, red brick houses, containing each sittingroom, two bedrooms, kitchen (boarded floor and having close range); scullery (with trough), pantries, etc. Gas laid on. Small garden at rere with usual out-offices and back entrance.

The situation is convenient to tram and shopping, and clear possession of each house will be given to the purchaser.

This Sale affords an opportunity of acquiring a small-priced, substantially-built pre-war Cottage House.

Conditions of Sale from PETER M. SEALES, Solicitor, 11 College Green.

Further particulars, orders to view, etc., from
W. J. HOLDEN & SON,
Auctioneers,
2 SAINT ANDREW STREET.

PATRICK O'CONNOR & SON, LIMITED.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), 31st DECEMBER. CHERRYHOUND, THE WARD—For Mrs. Farley—Letting of 95 Irish Acres Grazing, in divisions. Sale 12.30 o'clock.

COUNTY OF DUBLIN.
SALE BY AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD IN FEE SIMPLE, in pursuance of the Land Purchase Acts, by instructions of the Irish Land Commission, under their Conditions of Sale,

On WEDNESDAY NEXT, the 5th day of JANUARY, 1927,

By Messrs. PATRICK O'CONNOR and SON, Auctioneers, at their Salerooms, 49 Queen street, Dublin, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock.

TENURE AND DESCRIPTIVE PARTICULARS.

The Lands for Sale are comprised in Folio No. 1166, County of Dublin, and consist of part of the Lands of Kilcoskan, containing 155 acres 2 roods and 26 perches, or thereabouts, Statute measure, now or formerly in the occupation of Matthew Reid, situate in the Barony of Nethercross and County of Dublin, held in Fee-simple, excepting and reserving thereout all mines and minerals, within the meaning of the Irish Land Act, 1903, subject to an annuity of £113 19s., payable to the Irish Land Commission from the 1st day of June, 1911, until the advance made by the Irish Land Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the said Act, shall have been repaid. Said annuity is payable half-yearly on every 1st day of June and 1st day of December, and the next payment will be due on the 1st day of June, 1927.

The Purchaser to pay 5 per cent. Auctioneers' Fees.

Should the sale prove abortive, the Irish Land Commission will be prepared to consider proposals for purchase by private treaty.

The Lands are situated near Swords. The Tenement Valuation is £131 0s. 0d.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to the Auctioneers; or to HENRY M. P. HARE, Solicitor for the Irish Land Commission, 21 Upper Merrion street, Dublin.

GRAZING TO LET BY PRIVATE TREATY.

Lucan, 50 Acres, in divisions; Priestown, Kilbride, 25 Acres, in divisions; Hollywoodrath, 170 Acres, in divisions; Dardistown, The Ward, 25 Acres, in divisions; Kilsallaghan, 18 Acres, in divisions; Kilcloon, Dunboyne, 30 Acres; Hammondtown, Ashbourne, 40 Acres; Peacockstown, Ratoath, 35 Acres; Quarryland, Dunboyne, 100 Acres, in divisions; Walterstown, Dunboyne, 75 Acres, in divisions. Particulars from

PATRICK O'CONNOR & SON, LIMITED, M.I.A.A.
Auctioneers, Valuers, Salesmen,
49 QUEEN STREET, DUBLIN.

McKEOWN, MacKEOGH & CO.

MONDAY NEXT, 3rd JANUARY, 1927.
BELLASTOWN, SKERRIES—At 2 o'clock p.m., for Matthew Grimes, Esq.—Letting of 40 Acres of splendid Grazing Lands, with Aftergrass (in divisions), till 1st December, 1927.

WEDNESDAY NEXT, 5th JANUARY, 1927.
BLUNDELSTOWN, LUCAN—At 12 o'clock noon, for the McBennett Estate—Letting of 84 Acres of exceptionally rich Grazing and Dairying Lands in suitable divisions. These Lands are very conveniently situated, being within one mile of Lucan Station (G.S. and W. Railway).

MONDAY, 10th JANUARY, 1927.
ROGERSTOWN HOUSE, LUSK—At 2 o'clock p.m., for P. Gough, Esq.—Letting of 150 Acres of splendid Lands for Grazing or for Meadow, with Aftergrass.

BY PRIVATE TREATY.
SPLENDID RESIDENTIAL HOLDING, SANTRY.

11 apartments, commodious Out-offices, large walled-in Yard, all stone-built. 81½ acres. I.L.C. Annuity, £152 0s. 0d. P.L.V., £155 0s. 0d. Three miles distant from G.P.O. and 1 mile from Whitehall tram.

GRAZING AND AFTERGRASS TO BE LET BY PRIVATE TREATY.

50 Acres at Scribblestown Park (in divisions); 50 Acres at Glasnevin (admirably suited for Shipping Agents in conjunction with Cattle Market, or Dairy Proprietors); 24 Acres at Marshallstown, Swords; 140 Acres at The Ward; 65 at Ballycoolin; 80 at Piercetown, Dunboyne; 60 at Ribstown, Batterstown (with plenty of keep); 120 and 20 at Ratoath (good keep); 120 Acres of splendid Winterage at Baldonnel, Clondalkin; 13½ Acres at Clondalkin, to 1/2/1927, or for coming season; 200 Acres at Castlebaggot (near Lucan Station); 25 Acres at Milltown, Clondalkin; 63 Acres at Newcastle, Clondalkin; 65 and 30 at Wainstown, Dunboyne; 80 Acres of magnificent Finishing Land at Ballymacoll, Dunboyne; 11 Acres Winterage at Oldbawn, Tallaght, to 1/3/1927; 20 Acres at Tallaght; 50 Acres at Jobstown, Tallaght; 100 Acres at Woodtown, Rathfarnham; 50 Acres at Larch Hill, Rathfarnham.

McKEOWN, MacKEOGH & CO.,
Auctioneers and Valuers, Live Stock Salesmen, and Factors,
4 HAYMARKET, DUBLIN.
'Phone 5. Telegraphic Address—"Factors, Dublin."

GRAZING LANDS TO LET.

Baystown, Ashbourne, 72 Acres (one or two divisions); Hamwood, Dunboyne, 100 Acres (one or three divisions); Turnings, Straffan, 170 Acres (in suitable divisions); Terenure, 21 Acres; Rathfarnham, 6 Acres.

Particulars from
GANLY, SONS & CO.

DUBLIN WOOL SALES.

NEXT AUCTION,
WEDNESDAY, 19th JANUARY.
Sheets lent free to consignors.

GANLY, SONS & CO.,
USHER'S QUAY, DUBLIN.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.,
110 GRAFTON STREET.

FURNISHED RESIDENCE WANTED. Convenient for hunting with the Meaths, Wards or Kildares. Should have good stabling and be well found and well furnished. Would be taken for a year. Accommodation, three or four sittingrooms, six bedrooms with bathroom and modern conveniences. Address replies to James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

ST. ANDREW STREET—GROUND FLOOR OFFICES TO BE LET. Suit stockbroker or insurance agent. Moderate rent; first-class situation.—James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

PEMBROKE TOWNSHIP—FURNISHED FLAT TO BE LET, consisting of large sittingroom, three bedrooms, bathroom, kitchenette, w.c., electric light; rent £15 a month for six months. This Flat is in a choice situation and is the only Flat let in the house. Apply James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

WANTED TO RENT OR PURCHASE, A DETACHED HOUSE, with moderate-sized garden, and garage, between Kingstown and Dublin. Possession not required for a couple of months. Replies to be sent to James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

JAMES H. NORTH & CO.,
110 GRAFTON STREET.

CONTRACTS.

OFFALY COUNTY COUNCIL.
ADVERTISEMENT INVITING TENDERS.

Persons willing to enter into Contracts for Works on Roads in OFFALY COUNTY are invited by the Offaly County Council to submit Tenders for certain works which have been decided upon. The works consist of:—

(1) Surfacing with single coat tar bitumen macadam about 26,500 square yards of the NENAGH-ROSCREA road, between County Boundary at Park, or Laughton, and County Boundary north of Moneygall.

(2) Surfacing with cement grouted macadam about 5,700 square yards of the TULLAMORE-CLARA road, between Tullamore Urban Boundary and Mr. J. Perry Goodbody's grand gate.

Particulars and specifications of the works, tender forms, and a list of conditions on which tenders will be received, may be obtained free of charge on application to the County Secretary at the County Council Offices.

The last day for receiving tenders is the 19th day of January, 1927.

The meeting at which the tenders are to be considered will be held on THURSDAY, 20th JANUARY, 1927.

(By Order) T. J. KELLY, Secretary County Council.
County Council Office, Tullamore, 28th December, 1926.

HOUSES AND LANDS.

DOCKRELL LIMITED.

Glasnevin—SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE, in good order; no basement; 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, maid's room, hot bath, hot linen press, 2 w.c.'s, tiled kitchen, pantry, garden, electric light. Possession. Price £1,050. Dockrell Limited.

A Sound Farm of 110 Acres, IN CO. WICKLOW. Price £2,100. There is a good House, and the land is level, in good heart, having been well farmed for many years; ½-mile from railway station and town. Moderate annuity. Executor's Sale. Dockrell Limited.

Greystones—Comfortable Non-basement HOUSE TO LET, 3 reception, 5 bedrooms, hot bath; £95 free. Dockrell Limited.

DOCKRELL LIMITED,
38 & 39 STH. GT. GEORGE'S ST.

LEGAL NOTICES.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of GEORGE DONALDSON, late of Church street, Lismore, Co. Waterford, Bachelor, Labourer, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 22 and 23 Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or to have any claim or demand against the estate of the above Deceased, who died on the 20th day of March, 1926, are hereby required on or before the 1st day of February, 1927, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for the Administrator of the estate of the said Deceased, and in default thereof the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 28th day of December, 1926.
COCHRANE and CO., Solicitors for the said Administrator, Balbriggan.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF LEIX.
DIVISION OF MARYBOROUGH—EQUITY SIDE.
Between MARY AIRD and WILLIAM P. AIRD, trading as JAMES J. AIRD and SONS, Auctioneers, of Maryborough, in the County of Leix, Plaintiffs; MARGARET BOOTH, Executrix of the Will of John Booth, late of Ballydavis, in the County of Leix, Widow, Defendant.

Pursuant to a Decree of the Circuit Court Judge of above County, made in above suit, the creditors of John Booth, late of Ballydavis, in the County of Leix, who died on 25th day of May, 1926, are on or before the 20th day of January, 1927, to send by post prepaid to the County Registrar of said County, at his Office, Court House, Maryborough, their Christian and Surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them, or, in default thereof, they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of said Decree. Every creditor holding any security is to produce same before the County Registrar at his Office, Court House, Maryborough, on the 10th day of February, 1927, at 12 o'clock, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1926.
PATRICK J. MEEHAN, County Registrar for the County of Leix.

Forrests Winter Sale

Doors Open 9 a.m. **COMMENCES TO-DAY** Doors Open 9 a.m.

This SALE will be remarkable for the number of Bargains offered, as drastic reductions have been made throughout every department. An early visit is desirable.

Mantles and Furs

Velour Coats, in assorted colours, fur collars, half-lined. Reduced from 4½ Gns. to 79/6
A Large Assortment of **Plain and Fancy Velours**, trimmed nut skunk and rin-tail oppos. **All to be cleared at marvellously low prices.**
Black and Navy Velour and Face Cloth Coats, ful collar and cuffs. All this season's models. Price, 20 Gns. Reduced to .... 16 GNS.
Short Fur Coats, in Seal and Beaver Coney. Reduced to .... 10 GNS.
Small Fur Choker Ties, Fitch and Amer. Oppos. At 49/6 and 29/6
Natural Stone Marten Ties. From .... 6½ GNS.
Large Animal Ties, to be cleared regardless of price.

Costumes and Gowns

50 Crepe-de-Chine and Marocain Gowns. Usual price, 3½ and 4 Gns. Sale Price 39/6
Afternoon and Evening Gowns. Sale Price from .... 2 GNS.
Well Tailored Suiting Costumes. Sale Price from .... 3 GNS.
Wool Jumper Suits. Sale Price from 29/6
Two-Piece Wool Suits. Usual price, 4 Gns. Sale Price .... 3½ GNS.
Models Two-Piece Suits and Velour and Rep Costumes all greatly reduced to clear.

Ladies' & Children's Outfitting

Special Offer in **French Hand-Made and Embroidered Fine Lawn Nightgowns**, varied designs, with square neck and short sleeves. 6 dozen. Worth 9/11. Sale Price 6/11
3 Doz. **Fine Lawn Knickers**, elastic at waist. Short, wide legs. Daintily hand-embroidered. Worth 6/11. To Clear 3/6
4 Doz. **Fine Lawn Cami-Knickers.** French hand-embroidered, self straps, finished at top with veined hem. Worth 9/11. Sale Price 6/11
6 Doz. **Ladies' Striped Artificial Silk Knickers**, elastic at waist and knees, in all the newest shades. Usual price, 7/11. Sale Price 6/11
Ladies' Winceyette Nightgowns, square neck, long sleeves, trimmed lace and insertion. **Woman's Size Only.** Worth 8/11. Price 6/6
All our remaining Stock of Nun's Veiling and Viyella Nightgowns, at very tempting prices to clear.
Exceptional Value in **Ladies' Ripple Cloth Dressing Gowns**, useful shades. Offered at, to Clear 14/11
Ladies' All-Wool Directoire Knickers, in Saxe, Fawn, Grey, Mole, Sky, Mauve, and Purple. Sale Price 7/6
Special Reductions in Children's Winter Coats and Wool Dresses. Also Millinery at Half-Price to Clear.

Silk Fabrics

Shot Chiffon Taffeta — Superior quality All-Silk. Soft Taffeta, Chiffon finish, for smart Frocks. Colours: Nil, Pink, Coral, Turquoise, Rose, Mauve, Fuchsia, Saxe, Helio, Apricot, etc. Regular Price, 7/6. 38 in wide. Sale Price 5/11
Crepe-de-Chine. — Reliable qualities, in dyed Crepe-de-Chine, for Frocks, linings, etc. Leading tones of Copper Beech, Fuchsia, Mauve, Cyclamen, Grey, Fawn, Beige, Brown, Mahogany, Rose, Cerise, Saxe, Delphinium, Green, Navy, Ivory, and Black. Regular Price, 12/11 to 6/11. 38 in. wide. Sale Price, 11/6 to 5/11
Stripe Stockinette.—Extra heavy, non-ladder Stockinette for Princess Petticoats and Underclothing. Colours: Mauve, Green, Apricot, Pink, Nattier, Helio. 40 in wide. Sale Price 4/11
Velvet Faconné.—Rich Broche Velvet, on heavy quality Georgette ground, for exclusive Gowns and Cloaks, two-tone and multi-colour effects, also Black. 38 in. wide. Sale Price, 25/11 to 19/11
Tinsel.—Rich quality Brocade Tinsel, also Plain Tinsel and Tissue, for Cloaks and Frocks; Saxe/Silver, Mauve/Silver, Red/Silver, Gold/Black, Royal/Silver, Green/Gold, etc.; also multi-colour effects. 38 in. wide. Sale Prices, 16/11, 13/6, 8/11 .... 5/6

Special Offer

Half-Price Silks. — Special Sale Offer of 35 Pieces of Silk, including Printed Satin, Plain Satin, Moire, Art Silk, Crepe Silk, Serge, Ottoman, Marocain, Fancy Crepe-de-Chine, etc. 38 in. wide. **Half-price per yard.**

Hosiery

350 Pairs **Ladies' Silk Hose**, narrow lace clox. In Beige, Nude, Flesh, Lariat, and Black. Worth 7/11. Special Sale Price, pair 4/11
75 Doz. **Ladies' Fine Ribbed Lisle Hose**, 1/1 rib. Splendid for hard wear. In Tan, Beige, Sand, and Nude. Worth 4/11. Sale Price, pair 3/6
95 Dozen **Ladies' Chiffon Lisle Hose**, dainty lace clox. In Fawn, Nude, and Flesh. Worth 4/11. Sale Price, pair 2/11
150 Pairs **Ladies' Silk and Wool Hose**, in a large variety of shades and mixtures. Worth 6/11. Sale Price, pair 4/11
Oddments of Ladies' Pure Wool Vests and Combinations, in "Ell-an Ess" and other makes. Clearing at Special Sale Prices.
Ladies' Highland Spattees, in a variety of colourings. Pair, 9/11 to 5/11

Woollen Fabrics

Coating Velour. — All-Wool Velour, reliable quality, for smart Coats. Colours: Burgundy, Delphinium, Bottle, Beaver, Mole, Wine, Tan, Amethyst, Cedar, Grey, Mahogany, Navy, etc., and Black. 54 in. wide. Sale Price, 9/6 and 7/11
Tweeds. — Distinctive All-Pure Wool, Irish, Scotch and West of England Tweeds, for smart Coats and Costumes, in Fawn, Blues, Green, Bois, Cocoa, Mauve, and Brown tones. 54 in. wide. Sale Price, 8/11 to 6/11
Check Flannel. — Pure Botany Wool Check Frock material, in Crepe and Plain Weaves, leading two colour; also multi-colour small Checks, now fashionable. 40 in. wide. Sale Price 3/11
Wool Rep.—All-Wool Rep in reliable qualities, for Frocks and Costumes, in all leading tones of Grey, Blue, Amethyst, Wine, Beige, Beaver, Green, Rose, Mahogany, Beech, Navy and Black, etc. 54 ins. wide. Sale Price, 8/11 to 6/11
Saxony Suiting. — Pure Botany Wool Suiting, in shades of Wine, Helio, Blue, Grey, Fawn, Brown, Bois-de-Rose, Beech, etc. All thoroughly shrunk, for Coats and Costumes. 54 ins. wide. Sale Prices, 13/6 to 9/6
Half-Price Materials.—We are offering 20 Pieces of various Woollen Fabrics at half-price. These include Velour, Tweed Coating, Rep, Covert, Gabardine, etc. 54 in. wide. **Half-price per yard.**

Scarves

Clearing Line in **Imitation Shetland Scarves** 3/11
Special Offer in **Striped Artificial Silk and Wool Scarves.** Original price, 7/11. Sale Price 3/11
Special Offer in **Artificial Silk Scarf**, striped effect. Good colours 10/6
Special Clearing Lines in **Crepe-de-Chine Scarves**, 8/11 and 7/11
Dainty Evening Shawls in charming colours. All reduced to clear.

Handbags

Clearing Line **Leather Envelope Shape Handbags**, four divisions, fitted with purse and mirror. Tan colour only. Each 5/11
To Clear—**Imitation Lizard Under-arm Bag**, lined with Moire fitted with mirror. Each 3/6
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A large and varied selection of Jumpers and Golf Coats

10 Dozen **Wool Jumpers**, Eton Collar, in Check designs, in smart colourings. Worth 12/11. Sale Price 8/6
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All our varied and exclusive stock of **Swiss Art Silk Jumpers, House Coats**, and **Cardigans** reduced for Sale regardless of cost.
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Kitchen Glass Towels, best quality pure Irish Linen. Wonderful value. Each .... 11½D.

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Size.		Sale Price.
18 x 31	In. Each.	1/4½
20 x 36	" "	1/6½
22 x 41	" "	1/9
22 x 45	" "	1/11½
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Turkish Towels, coloured. Special Clearing Line, each .... 10½D.
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Madapolam, made from pure Egyptian yarn; beautiful fine quality, for underwear, etc.; 35". Sale Price, per yard .... 8½D.
Sponge Cloths. Half Dozen 1/3
Polishing Cloths, per Half Dozen. Size 20 x 24, 2/9; 20 x 21, 2/3, 17 x 20," ½ dozen for 1/11

Pillow Cases, manufacturer's oddments, Twill or Plain. Worth 1/9. Sale Price 1/3
Pillow Cases, made from Horrockses' Cloth, housewife style. Sale Price, each 1/4½
Pillow Cases, hemstitched, some embroidered; guaranteed pure odd lots. Were 2/6 and 2/11. All one Price, each 1/11½
Bolster Cases, made from strong reliable sheeting, plain buttoned, 18 x 54," each, 2/3. 18 x 45" 1/11½
Super Quality, 20 x 54, each 2/11½; 20 x 45, each 2/1½.
Bolster Cases, hemstitched ends, pure Linen finish. Double Bed Size only, each 3/3
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Roller Towels, pure Irish Linen Crash, 2½ yards long; will give endless wear. Each 2/6
Crash Roller Towels, heavy twill make, 2½ yards long. Each 1/3

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MONDAY NEXT

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GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

Unsatisfactory dealing by any Advertiser in this column should be immediately reported to the Manager of the "Irish Times." 27/11/'26.

ALL Garden Lovers should have Drummond's 1927 Guides Seed Catalogue, embracing everything for the season. Special list of Manures, Insecticides and Tools. Catalogues post free on application.—W. Drummond and Sons, Ltd., Dawson street, Dublin. T

APPLE Trees—Three year bush, in leading varieties, 2/- each, 20/- per dozen; also extra strong Bramley's Seedling, 2/6 each, 25/- per dozen; packing free, f.o.r. Sligo; carriage paid on all orders £3 and upwards.—Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. T

FOREST Trees, Hedging Plants, Fruit Trees, Roses and Ornamental Shrubs in best varieties. Write for catalogue.—Wm. Power and Co., Waterford. X

MANURE Wanted; state price, quantity and where seen.—W 321, this office. 28 F

PRIVET, grandly rooted, 10/-, 50/- 100; 18/36", bushy.—Pennick, Nurseries, Greystones. 29 F

PERGOLA Poles, all ... Son, 11 South Kin...

ROSES, twelve good ... Manager, Lissadell, ...

BREWERY ...

Mash Tun, 33 ... Bottom; One Steel's ... Quarters capacity; ... with G.M. Bottom; ... bolted, from 1,000 to ... and Storage Vats, ... Frome; Two Vertical ... 3 Throw Wort Pump, ... gallons, by Matthews; ... Mill, Elevators, 52ft. ... Ply Belt; Vertical Air ... pressor, both belt dri... Engine, Lancashire B... Loader, with Vertic... Bottling Plant, incl... Machine and contin... per day, by Brath... Cooler, 50 barrels p... Pressure Coppers, 10 ... G.M. Horizontal Ra... by Evans; Steam R... and Piping, Hop Pre... ALL ABOVE IN ... Particulars and Price... McCOY & SO...

POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

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ABOUT Rhode Cockerels—Some splendid Rhode I. Red Cockerels, March hatched (Boucher strain), at 10/6 each; 1 lovely Rhode I. Red Cock, 1925 (same strain), 15/-, and 1 Khaki Campbell Drake, 1926, 7/6. Apply Poultry Manager, Agricultural College, Mount Bellew. 29 A

AYLESBURYS (Abbott's), Bronze Turkey Cocks (Crystal Palace), 2/- lb.; Rhode Cockerels (Measures' prize), White Wyandottes (Barron's best), 12/6.—Hon. Mrs. Burrowes, Crossdoney. 29 A

AT Fairyhill, Blackrock; Telephone 138—Pedigree Cockerels, Rhodes, Wyandottes, Leghorns, Anconas, 10/6, 15/6, £1; Settings, 8/6; Newlaid, 4/-. 29 A

BARNEVELDER Cockerels, Holland's, 8 months, great winter layers; cheap. Apply Mrs. Galvin, Wilton, Ballyoumber, Offaly. 29 E

CLUCKING Hens, Light Sussex, Wyandotte, 10/6 each.—Greenville, Stradbrook road. Telephone 217, Blackrock. 29 A

COCKERELS, R.I. Red, pure bred, splendid laying strain, beautiful appearance, March hatched, 12/6 ... exchange two for equally good; Indian Runner ... 7/6 each. Address "Z 2966, Poultry," this ...

...Sale, Pedigree Light Sussex Cockerel, 8/6.— ... Montrose, Donnybrook.

...ES for Poultry—Lists from Manufacturers— ... Perry Co., Ltd., Camden row, Dublin. 12 X

...HING Hens, pure White Wyandottes, 10/- each, ...vered Dublin and South County.—Parr, Glen...gelany.

...AGE Grove, 'phone 443, Rathmines—Settings ...y, booking Chicks: Fresh Eggs, hundreds de... Cockerels, Indian Games, Rhodes, Minorcas, Black and White Leghorns, Anconas; Ducks; Khaki Campbell, Aylesbury. 28 F

...RICA Cock, very handsome, best breed, £1; ...horn Cockerels, 5/-.—No. 1677, Irish Times Office, Blackrock.

... Finegan, Mostlands, Navan—Few Cockerels, best pedigree, type, Rhodes, Light Sussex, Black ...

...E Cockerels, mothers of 1st prize winners, Enniskillen Show, 21/-; White Leghorns (Strong's ... 15/6 each.—Roper, 75 Park avenue, Sidney ... 29 A

...NGS, White Wyandottes, Rhodes, 10/-.—Greenville, Stradbrook road. Telephone 217, Blackrock. 29 A

...N Poultry Farm—Light Sussex—Setting Eggs ... Sale from January 1st from carefully selected ..., carriage paid; Light Sussex Cockerels and ...Campbell Drakes, early 1926 hatched, a few for ... best strains, 10/6 each (carriage forward) for ...—Stronge, Tynan, Co. Armagh. 24 D

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12 SUFFOLK ST. DUBLIN

POULTRY, ETC., CONTINUED.

TURKEY Cock, Hen, two guineas; Barnevelder Cockerels, 10/6; White Wyandotte, 12/6 and carriage.—Mrs. Grimshaw, Wicklow.

WHITE Austrian Turkeys, Rhode Settings, 7/- free; Buff Orpington; Black, Brown, White Leghorn; Ancona, Sussex Cockerels, Hens, Runner Drakes, 6/-.—O'Grady, Curraglass, Co. Cork.

9 RHODE Pullets, 36/-; 7 mixed Pullets, 30/-; about 4 months.—H. Smyth, Newtown, Drogheda.

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ABOUT Clothes—Mrs. Higgins, 4 Aston's quay, pays highest prices Ladies', Gentlemen's, Children's Left Off Clothing, Jewellery, Artificial Teeth; country parcels received. T

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DUN Laoghaire—Goodwin's, 110 Patrick street—We Buy Left Off Clothing; highest prices; two doors from tram. 29 A

FULL Dress (order) Suit, 36 chest, silk lined throughout, never worn, 50/-, cost £9.—16 Henry street. 29 D

TRAVELLER'S Samples—Coats and Frocks, to Sell. 21 Dawson street, first floor.

VERY smart Navy Blue Coat, richly trimmed skunk opossum fur, lined silk; new; cost 16 guineas, bargain 5 guineas. Address "Z 2920, Dress," this office. 28 F

WANTED, Lady's Riding Boots, size 6; state price and where seen.—W 407, this office.

WANTED, Navy or Black Suit, fit 5ft. 10in., chest 36in., waist 35½.—Box 659, Eason's Advertising Service, Dublin.

HORSES, HARNESS, ETC.

CHESTNUT Mare, 15.3, up to thirteen stone, aged, good hunter, likely to win Point-to-Point; well known Wards, Meath, Kildares; hunted by lady.—Fitzherbert, Burton Hall, Stillorgan. 29 F

FOR Sale, a number of shop soiled and secondhand Saddles, by noted makers; three Ladies' ditto, Champion and Wilton and Whippy; exceptional value. Box and Co., 68 Dame street.

FOR Sale, weight carrying Hunter, 16½ hands high, seven years old; hunting the season. Address "Z 2940, Hunter," this office.

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HARNESS, selected stock, hand sewn, best materials; also some Secondhand Sets.—Harris and Son, 18 City quay. 23 D

CATTLE, LIVE STOCK.

A PAIR lovely little Kerry Dexter Springers (shortly due) for Sale, £30.—Gardiner, Airfield, Stillorgan road, Donnybrook. 29 F

ANGORA Rabbits for Sale, 3/- each.—Miss K. O'Grady, Carraglass, Tallow.

BRITISH Friesian Bulls for Sale, nine and twelve months old.—Wellwood, Kilcooley, Bangor, Down. 29 A

DEXTER Cow for Sale, reasonable; good milker; calve soon. Apply J. Buckley, Delgany. 28 F

FOR Sale, 3 Springer Cows, one time up 2nd February. Apply Cahill, Malahide. 29 F

JERSEY Heifer Calves—One, three months, eight guineas; one, week old, six guineas; very handsome.—Blackrock House, Blackrock. 29 F

KERRY Cow for Sale, due calve 30th; another due 15th January, both good milkers; also other Cows, Heifers, and Calves and ten Black Polly Bullocks.—Medcalf, Cooleven, Clondalkin. 29 F

PIGS—36 extra good Stores.—Blackrock House, Blackrock. 29 F

WANTED, Pure Bred A. A. Heifer, about six months, good type.—W 374, this office.

DOGS.

AT Stud, Wire Fox Terrier "Baron Benedict," sire Champion "Breakesmere Benedict"; fee 21/-; adult male, demon ratter, reasonable.—"Ulsterville," Avondale road, Phibsborough.

A SPLENDID Red Setter Bitch for Sale, 8 months old, partially trained. Apply to James Stevens, Cranny, Co. Clare. 29 A

BLACK Cocker Pups, dam Rosheen Dhu, 1st prize winner.—5 Mornington road, Ranelagh. 28 F

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KERRY Blue Bitch, 9 months, full pedigree; 40/-.—W 359, this office.

MAGNIFICENT Kerry Blue Terrier, male, great ratter and rabbiter; also Irish; reasonable.—27 Aughrim street.

OLD English Sheep Dog, beautiful Blue and White (Male), 2 years, perfectly trained stock.—Tyrrell, Drumconnick, Cavan.

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BUSINESS, BUSINESS PREMISES, LANDS, ETC.

SALE AND WANTED.

AGENT wants small Office, first or second floor.—W 207, this office. 27 E

ADJOINING Merrion square—Hotel, Going Concern; 10 rooms; perfect order; Goodwill, Furniture, including Piano, £1,600.—Arthur Jones, Son, Greystones. 28 F

A NUMBER of Yards, covered, suitable for factories, garages, offices; best positions.—Mahood, 89 Sandymount avenue. 29 A

A RARE Chance—Leasehold Premises, Tobacconist, Confectionery, News, etc., in main street in leading town, Northern Ireland; splendid dwelling accommodation, garden, etc.; bargain, £550.—W 420, this office.

BUSINESS PREMISES, ETC., CONTINUED.

FOR Sale, as Going Concern, established Photographic Business, best part Grafton street, fully equipped and Furnished; long lease.—W 298, this office. 29 F

FOR Sale, as Going Concern, in centre of city, an up to date Cycle Shop, holding several very fine sole agencies; rent very moderate. Apply W 363, this office. 29 A

HIGH class Grocery, Wine, and Tobacco Business for Sale, popular seaside resort, 8 miles from Dublin; wonderful opportunity for energetic man; only principals dealt with.—W 251, this office. 29 F

MODERN Shop for Sale, immediate possession, doing a high class Grocery Business in a select and populous suburb; five rooms over, with separate halldoor entrance; stock may be had by agreement.—J. J. Carroll, 9 Iona Drive. 29 A

OFFICE to Let, lightsome, new house, electricity, gas.—O'Dwyer, 16 Henry street. 28 D

OFFICES and Stores, etc., to Let in Dublin. Apply Wm. Montgomery and Son, 24 Suffolk street, Dublin.

OFFICES to Let, 2nd floor, 12 Fleet street. 29 E

SHOP and Dwelling, 11 Weaver's square (off Cork street), for Sale. Apply Richardson, 55 William street. 29 F

SHOP to Let, Dalkey (Lock-up); suit grocer, chemist, or as office. Particulars W 265, this office. 29 F

SHOP Wanted to Rent, North side, with or without living accommodation.—W 382, this office.

TO Let, Shop, in principal thoroughfare, with large store and rear entrance; long lease; fittings and stock at valuation.—W 293, this office. 28 F

TO Let, 39 Dame street, two ground floor Offices (adjoining), furnished with counter, desks, and fireproof safes, etc. 29 F

TALBOT street—Shop and Residence, nine apartments, to Let; suit many businesses; lease will be given; reasonable rent to satisfactory tenant. Keys with Holden and Son, Auctioneers, Saint Andrew street. 29 A

WANTED to Purchase or Rent, Offices, with yard, or dry Warehouse.—W 386, this office.

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AT Drumcondra—Modern non basement Residence, 8 apartments, bathroom, electric light, large garden, room for garage; £900.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

AT Clonliffe road—Non basement House, 7 apartments, bathroom, electric light; £875.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

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AT Orwell Park—Detached non basement Residence, lounge hall, 9 apartments, electric light, garden, garage.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

AT Rathgar—For Sale, with possession, semi detached Residence, 10 apartments, bathroom, gas fires, electric light, garage; £2,000.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

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AT Ballsbridge—Non basement, compact House, 8 apartments, bathroom, electric light.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

AT Eglinton road—Newly built two storeyed Residence, semi detached, 8 apartments, bathroom, electric light, garage; £1,700.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

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AT Blackrock—Double fronted semi detached House, 11 apartments, garden, tennis court, garage.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

AT Monkstown—Detached double fronted Residence, facing the sea; 8 apartments, bathroom, garden, conservatory; house in splendid condition, requiring no outlay.—North and Co., Grafton street. 26 D

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A COMMODIOUS House for Sale, Monkstown, tram line, suit boarding house; man with responsible position financed; large vegetable garden, garage.—W 311, this office. 28 F

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ABOUT Seaside Houses, Blackrock to Dalkey—Consult Megahey, Auctioneer, Sandycove, who has register of all Detached Houses, Cottages and Bungalows for Sale and Letting. 29 A

BLACKROCK—11 Acres, £1,200; leasehold; bath, garage, Lodge; possession; stamp.—Arthur Jones, Son, Greystones. 28 F

BRAY—3 Acres—Pine Cottage, Windgates, for Sale, £325. Auction early January unless previously sold.—Arthur Jones, Son, Auctioneers, Greystones. 28 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer at Sandymount attractive, medium sized House, Sandymount; every convenience; large fruit garden. 29 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer at Drumcondra, £800, modern Residence; choice situation. 29 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer, Co. Dublin, Farms 47 Acres Prime Land, with roomy house; convenient to rail and tram. 29 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer at Sutton very attractive modern Villa, on flat; good garden; close tram and train. 29 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer at Dalkey, £925, newly built House; soundly constructed; every convenience; large garden, front and rear. 29 F

BATTERSBY and Co. offer, Dalkey, newly built Bungalow, fine garden, £600; free of rent; lease for sale. 29 F

DRUMCONDRA—Modern House for Sale; long lease. Price, particulars from W. Montgomery and Son, 24 Suffolk street, Dublin.

DUNDRUM—Half acre, detached Villa, £1,100; 3 bedrooms, hot bath.—Arthur Jones, Son, Greystones. 29 A

FOR Sale, 11 Longford terrace, Dolphin's Barn. Key at 20. Particulars 127 North Circular road. 29 A

FOR Sale (with immediate possession), most desirable residential Holding, 87 Acres, I.P.M., held under I.L.C., situated within 10 miles from Dublin. Full particulars from Robert J. Goff and Co., Ltd., Newbridge. 28 F

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HOUSE, medium size, and Furniture for Sale, Pembroke district.—W 257, this office. 28 D

HOUSE for Sale, semi detached; good garden; five rooms, kitchen and maid's room, bath, h. and c.; immediate possession; Booterstown, close tram and train; price reasonable; purchaser can have option of taking over Furniture.—W 380, this office. 29 A

HOUSE, S. C. road, £750; possession; 8 apartments, h.b., garden; part money.—Wren, Bachelor's Walk. 29 A

KINGSTOWN—£1,000; 8 rooms, bath, garage; possession.—Arthur Jones and Son, Greystones. 28 ...

LARGE House, Harcourt street, for Sale; 16 rooms; portion let on lease, over £500 yearly; owner going away; Furnished, £2,700.—W 389, this office. 28 D

MONKSTOWN—Detached two storey Residence, in fine order, with possession; Fee Farm Grant. Price, particulars from W. Montgomery and Son, 24 Suffolk street, Dublin.

SANDFORD road—For Sale, semi detached and detached Modern Residences; long lease; two-thirds remission of rates. Prices, particulars from W. Montgomery and Son, 24 Suffolk street, Dublin.

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WATERLOO road (60); three reception, five bedrooms, fine balcony, cottage, garage. View 3-6. 28 F

WICKLOW 'Bus Route—Six roomed Bungalow, half acre, garage, £925, rent free; also House to Let, with four Irish acres, 64 guineas yearly.—Arthur Jones, Son, Greystones. 29 A

ZION road—For Sale, semi detached Residence, in excellent order; long lease. Particulars, price, etc., from W. Montgomery and Son, 24 Suffolk street, Dublin.

10 ULSTER street—6 apartments, bath; no head rent. Apply Messrs. Harris and Greene, 6 Lower Abbey street. 28 F

£300 CASH and £60 18/8 per annum (including rates and ground rent) for 15 years, purchases a new £800 House, at Upper Hollybank avenue, Sandford road, containing 2 reception, 3 bedrooms, maid's room, kitchen, bathroom, electric light, gas. Apply Bailey (opposite) 12 23

HOUSES TO LET.

A LOVELY suburban Residence to Let, South side. Mahood, 89 Sandymount avenue. 29 A

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FLAT, self contained, 4 apartments, telephone; £74.—12 Upper Fitzwilliam street. 29 E

HOUSE (Rathgar) to Let or Sell, possession; rent £100 and taxes. Address "Z 2943, House," this office. 29 A

HOUSES WANTED.

A HOUSE and large Yard Wanted to Rent; or large Yard might suit; central.—W 271, this office. 28 F

MODERN House Wanted to rent; two in family; reliable tenant.—W 413, this office.

SMALL Cottage or Gate Lodge—Respectable Person (no children).—W 385, this office.

WANTED to Rent, up to date Unfurnished Dwelling House, Dublin or suburbs; garage; please give all particulars.—W 303, this office. 29 F

WANTED to Rent, Unfurnished House, Dublin, solvent reliable tenant; possible purchaser later.—W 397, this office. 29 A

WANTED, small House or Ground Flat; one child; North side preferred.—W 355, this office. 29 A

WANTED to Rent, Unfurnished Dwelling House, Dublin or suburbs: 2 sitting, 4 bedrooms, electric light; excellent tenant, first class references. Please give all particulars. Address "Z 2936, House," this office. 29 A

WANTED to Rent, House; would Purchase Furniture if required; good security.—W 349, this office. 29 E

WANTED, Unfurnished House or Flat, Rathgar.—R O 1711, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

APARTMENTS TO LET.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

APARTMENTS Agency—Lists on application; Flats, Board Residence, Furnished Apartments.—Miss White, 25 Nassau street. T

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